SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

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June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/Gardner
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE PETWORKS ANIMAL SERVICES FOR $50,000 FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THE SHELTER.

New Business

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Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

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Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

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Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

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Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

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Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

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

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

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

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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

CONTINUED

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

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

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

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

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

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Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/Gardner
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE PETWORKS ANIMAL SERVICES FOR $50,000 FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THE SHELTER.

New Business

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Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
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Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

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

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

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

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

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

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

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

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

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Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/Gardner
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE PETWORKS ANIMAL SERVICES FOR $50,000 FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THE SHELTER.

New Business

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Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
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Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
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Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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Board of County Commissioners
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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

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

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

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

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

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

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

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

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

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

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

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

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

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

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

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

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

CONTINUED

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

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

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

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

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

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

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

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

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

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

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

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

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

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

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

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

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
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Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

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RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

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

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

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

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

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

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

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

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

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Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

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

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

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

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

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

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

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

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

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

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

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

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

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

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

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

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

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

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

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

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

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

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

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

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

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

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

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

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

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

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

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

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

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

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

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

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

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

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

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

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

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

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

CONTINUED

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

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

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

CONTINUED

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

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

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

CONTINUED

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

CONTINUED

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

CONTINUED

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

CONTINUED

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
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Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/Gardner
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE PETWORKS ANIMAL SERVICES FOR $50,000 FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THE SHELTER.

New Business

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Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

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Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

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Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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

CONTINUED

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

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Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/Gardner
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE PETWORKS ANIMAL SERVICES FOR $50,000 FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THE SHELTER.

New Business

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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
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Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Sponsors: Cross/Cole

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Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

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Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/Gardner
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE PETWORKS ANIMAL SERVICES FOR $50,000 FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THE SHELTER.

New Business

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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
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Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

CONTINUED

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

CONTINUED

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
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Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

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RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
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RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

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RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

CONTINUED

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

CONTINUED

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

CONTINUED

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

CONTINUED

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

CONTINUED

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

CONTINUED

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

CONTINUED

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

CONTINUED

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
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Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/Gardner
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE PETWORKS ANIMAL SERVICES FOR $50,000 FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THE SHELTER.

New Business

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Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

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Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

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Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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

CONTINUED

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

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Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/Gardner
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE PETWORKS ANIMAL SERVICES FOR $50,000 FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THE SHELTER.

New Business

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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
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Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Sponsors: Cross/Cole

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Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

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Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/Gardner
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE PETWORKS ANIMAL SERVICES FOR $50,000 FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THE SHELTER.

New Business

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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
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Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

CONTINUED

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

CONTINUED

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
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Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

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RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
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RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

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RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

CONTINUED

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

CONTINUED

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

CONTINUED

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

CONTINUED

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

CONTINUED

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

CONTINUED

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

CONTINUED

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

CONTINUED

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
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Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/Gardner
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE PETWORKS ANIMAL SERVICES FOR $50,000 FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THE SHELTER.

New Business

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Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

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Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

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Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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

CONTINUED

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

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Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/Gardner
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE PETWORKS ANIMAL SERVICES FOR $50,000 FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THE SHELTER.

New Business

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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
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Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Sponsors: Cross/Cole

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Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

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Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/Gardner
RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE PETWORKS ANIMAL SERVICES FOR $50,000 FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION OF THE SHELTER.

New Business

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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
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Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

CONTINUED

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

CONTINUED

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
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Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

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Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

246th Annual Session

IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

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RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
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RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

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Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

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RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

CONTINUED

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

CONTINUED

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

		$
	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
		$
	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
June 18, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

- 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
- Approval of Notaries Public
- Approval of minutes of Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County's: May 14, 2026, Rezoning Hearing & Work Session; May 21, 2026, Monthly Meeting.
- Presentations, proclamations, etc.
  1) Proclamation In Recognition of Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor
  2) Presentation from Petworks Animal Shelter
  3) Appointment of Allison Blevins to the Sullivan County Public Library System Board of Trustees, to fill out term vacated by Larissa Faulknor
- Public Hearing on agenda items.
- Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- Consent Agenda (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12,)
- Old Business
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

PROCLAMATION
IN RECOGNITION OF
SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE
ANGELA TAYLOR

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor has faithfully served Sullivan County residents for more than 25 years through various roles in county government, culminating in her election by the people of Sullivan County to be their County Trustee; and

WHERAS, Angela previously served in the Sullivan County Finance Department, as Executive Assistant to the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners for more than 14 years, and as Branch Manager for the Bloomingdale and Thomas Memorial Branch Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership as County Trustee:

1) Bristol and Kingsport branch offices reopened, restoring convenient service locations for citizens across the county.
2) Her compassion led her to successfully advocate for a County Tax Relief supplement after reductions to the State Tax Relief Program impacted local recipients.
3) Taylor worked closely with the Tennessee Comptroller's Office to implement a multiple payment plan allowing taxpayers to make installment payments without interest or penalties – and oft-requested service, especially from those on fixed incomes.
4) And in 2025, she also secured approval for a pre-payment ACH draft option to help citizens better prepare for future tax bills.

And,

WHEREAS, at the Tennessee County Trustees Association Conference in May 2026, Taylor was honored with the East Tennessee Division Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, This recognition is presented to trustees who demonstrate exemplary service to the State of Tennessee and to the citizens of their county through dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Mayor of Sullivan County and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, I, Richard S. Venable, proclaim June 18, 2026 to be

Sullivan County Trustee Angela Taylor Day, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the achievements Angela has made throughout her professional life, which she has dedicated to bringing better services to the citizens of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

FURTHER, I join all who congratulate Taylor for her many personal, educational and professional accomplishments, including:

1) A Bachelor of Arts in Paralegal Studies from Virginia Intermont College.
2) Attaining the status of Certified County Finance Officer designation through the Tennessee Comptroller's Office.
3) Service as President of the East Tennessee Trustee Association, Vice-President of the Bristol Republicans, a member of the Sullivan County Ethics Committee, and on the Board of Directors for Abuse Alternative Inc.
4) Active member of River of Life Baptist Church.
5) Enjoyment of family life with husband Mark Torbett and their three children and four grandchildren.

AND DO NOT LET IT BE FORGOTTEN, Angela Taylor is known by all for her accessibility, leadership, and commitment to serving the citizens of Sullivan County.

Sullivan County

Board of County Commissioners

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IN RE: Sullivan County Library Board

Blountville, Tennessee

Order Appointing Library Board Member

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has authority to appoint members to the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors has submitted recommendation for a member of the board; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, in his capacity to appoint members to the Sullivan Library Board that Allison Blevins be appointed to serve on the Sullivan County Library Board of Directors to serve the remainder of the term vacated by Larissa Faulknor.

Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of June 2026.

Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
June 18, 2026
Consent Agenda

Item 2 Resolution 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-04-02
Sponsors: Stidham/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 2026-06-02 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner
A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

Item 3 Resolution 2026-06-03 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Hayes/Stidham
RESOLUTION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

Item 4 Resolution 2026-06-04 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 5 Resolution 2026-06-05 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 6 Resolution 2026-06-06 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

Item 7 Resolution 2026-06-07 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

Item 8 Resolution 2026-06-08 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: Glover/King
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

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Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-06-09 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Cross/Cole

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-06-10 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Akard/Harvey

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

Item 11 Resolution No. 2026-06-11 (TO BE WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR)
Sponsors: Ward/Jones

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

Item 12 Resolution No. 2026-06-12 (ON CONSENT)
Sponsors: Vanover/Locke

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 13 Resolution No. 2026-06-13
Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

Item 14 Resolution No. 2026-06-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)
Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

Item 15 Resolution No. 2026-06-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUIRED)
Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

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Item 16 Resolution No. 2026-06-16

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

Item 17 Resolution No. 2026-06-17

Sponsors: King/Calton

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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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, the PETWORKS Board of Directors has agreed to provide animal control services for the rural unincorporated area of West Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-04-02

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner
ACTIONS: 04/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered on 1st Reading at regular session on 04/16/26. 04/16/26 (Regular Session) Placed on 1st Reading 05/14/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 05/21/26; 05/21/26 (Regular Session) Deferred by Sponsor; 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer until July meeting.
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SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-06-02

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.

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2027 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July l, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($81,300.00); and

WHEREAS, said grant is a cost-reimbursement grant, with eligible expenditures to be reimbursed upon submission of proper documentation in accordance with TDOT grant requirements; and

WI-EREAS, grant funds are to be used for allowable expenses, including salaries, benefits, taxes, and required litter prevention education activities, as detailed in the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Mayor has executed the grant contract on behalf of Sullivan County, subject to acceptance and appropriation by the Sullivan County Commission; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will allow Sullivan County to continue efforts to reduce litter, promote environmental stewardship, and enhance the safety and appearance of county roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session:

l) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2027 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of $81,300.00, is hereby accepted.

2) The sum of $81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.

3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26.

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-06-03

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 FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY AT 1735 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY FOR CONTINUED USE AS A RECYCLING CENTER.

WHEREAS, solid waste has maintained a recycling center at 1717 Bristol Caverns Highway SR 435 for several years. The property owner is wanting to deed this to Sullivan County so maintenance of the area can be done.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session:

Section 1: Sullivan County accepts the 0.17 +/- acres as shown on the attached deed and plat recorded in plat book 60 page 445 to be used as a recycling center

Section 2: The address to be recorded as 1735 Bristol Caverns Highway/ SR 435; Tax Map to be 039-044.02

Section 3: The County Attorney will prepare a final deed to Sullivan County.

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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Hayes
Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham;
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-06-04

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 RECOGNIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2026 STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL GRANT IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their October sessions a resolution recognizing the State Special Education Preschool Grant funds in the General Purpose School fund; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year were $134,274.20; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has recognized the need to adjust the appropriations within the grant's original budget to meet the demands of the program.

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 amend the grant budget accordingly as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71200-116-721	Teachers	-50,854.20
71200-201-721	Social Security	-3,123.22
71200-204-721	State Retirement	-4,500.00
71200-206-721	Life Insurance	-35.00
71200-207-721	Medical Insurance	+2,100.00
71200-208-721	Dental Insurance	-100.00
71200-212-721	Employer Medicare	-600.00
71200-312-721	Contracts with Private Agencies	+41,412.42
72220-524-721	Staff Development	+15,700.00

Waiver of the Rules Requested

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-06-05

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 RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 SUMMER LEARNING CAMPS AND SUMMER LEARNING TRANSPORTATION GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support Summer Learning Camps; and

WHEREAS, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are $983,357.07.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount ($983,357.07). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590-55	Other State Grants	983,357.07
71100-100-55	Personnel	524,454.07
71100-200-55	Employee Benefits	77,264.00
71100-400-55	Supplies & Materials	70,000.00
71100-500-55	Other Charges	38,319.00
72120-100-55	Personnel	19,200.00
72120-200-55	Employee Benefits	3,040
72120-300-55	Contracted Services	1,000.00
72210-100-55	Personnel	45,300.00
72210-200-55	Employee Benefits	7,150.00
72710-100-55	Personnel	5,000.00
72710-200-55	Employee Benefits	515.00
72710-300-55	Contracted Services	174,485.00
73100-100-55	Personnel	15,200.00
73100-200-55	Employee Benefits	2,430.00

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This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-06-06

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 RECOGNIZE REVISION 3 OF THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support the Innovative School Models; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has recognized the need to amend the budget within the accounts these funds are recognized in; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to amend the budget for said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-4,000.00
71300-471-717	Software	-1,000.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+21,300.00
76100-399-717	Other Contracted Services	-10,800.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	-5,500.00

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means
ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-06-07

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 AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY (TVA) INCENTIVE FUNDS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION LIGHTING UPGRADES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has successfully implemented energy-efficient lighting upgrades across school facilities; and

WHEREAS, these energy efficiency upgrades qualified for and resulted in the receipt of incentive funds from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education desires to recognize these non-recurring incentive funds and appropriate them directly to the specific line items associated with the costs and debt obligations incurred from the lighting project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee that the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended to reflect the receipt and appropriation of TVA Incentive Funds as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
47990-504	Other Direct Federal Revenue	+20,773.76
76100-707-504	Building Improvements	+20,773.76

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

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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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsored By: Zane Vanover
Co-Sponsor(s): Joyce Crosswhite, Mark Ireson, Sam Jones, Larry Crawford, Jessica Means

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-06-08

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 APPROPRIATE UP TO $470,404.24 FROM HELENE DEBRIS REIMBURSEMENT FUNDS TO BE USED FOR REPAIR OF THE NELLIE PRATT SWINGING BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-09 on May 21, 2026, authorizing the Sullivan County Highway Department to accept $470,404.24 from TEMA and FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the historic Nellie Pratt Memorial Swinging Bridge, over the South Fork of the Holston at Bluff City, is in dire need of repairs to preserve it and make it accessible again to foot traffic; and

WHEREAS, upkeep of the bridge – in existence in some form or another for more than 100 years – has been the responsibility of the Sullivan County Highway Department as it is considered a transportation route not unlike a bridge carrying vehicles on a roadway; and

WHEREAS, county leadership and the elected officials of Bluff City have been working together to ensure the bridge is repaired and moreso that it will be maintained in the future; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Commissioner of Highways Scottie Murray wishes to record the county's commitment to using Helene Reimbursement funds to repair and make safe the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes appropriation of up to $470,404.24 from the aforementioned funding source in recognition of the county's commitment to use those funds for repair of the Nellie Pratt Swinging Bridge at Bluff City, Tennessee.

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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover
Cosponsors: Dwight King

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-06-09

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 RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE SHERIFF HIRE, TRAIN, AND RECRUITMENT GRANT TO THE GENERAL FUND – SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF $7,500 TO INCREASE THIS BUDGET TO $67,500. THESE FUNDS ARE FULLY REIMBURSABLE FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED THESE FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TN; THEREFORE, WE ARE REQUESTING TO ALLOCATE THE FUNDS TO BE UTILIZED TO PAY THE OFFICERS.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has been participating in this State of Tennessee funded program Since July of 2023 to help recruit and retain positions; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will budget these funds to pay the fully reimbursable grant to each qualifying officer; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds approved from the Sheriff Hire, Train, and Recruitment funds by the Sullivan County Commission be paid to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve to recognize and appropriate an additional $7,500 of grant funding to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the fully reimbursable grant program that will increase the budget to $67,500 for FY 25-26.

Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100 Program Code 933

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Gary Stidham.

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-06-10

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 APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BRISTOL AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE.

WHEREAS, the city of Bristol, Tennessee seeks recycling services from the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste, as outlined in the accompanying memorandum of understanding; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste will receive not only increased revenue from direct payments for the services, but also will benefit from the influx of materials and the secondary revenue those materials will generate; and

WHEREAS, the MOU outlines the county agrees to place recycling containers at four specified locations in the city and to collect eligible recyclables from those locations on a weekly or biweekly basis; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to pay $10,000 per site, annually, for a total of $40,000 per year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the City of Bristol, Tennessee, copy attached.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner David Akard
Cosponsors: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 11
Resolution No. 2026-06-11

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 AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL SIGNAGE CREATING A FOUR-WAY STOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTENARY ROAD AND SPURGEON LANE AS A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT TO THE CURRENT TWO-STOP CONFIGURATION.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department had identified a need to upgrade traffic control signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane to make it a four-way stop (where now only traffic on one of the roadways has stop signs).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the Sullivan County Highway Department to install four-way stop signage at the intersection of Centenary Road and Spurgeon Lane.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor plans to withdraw at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 12
Resolution No. 2026-06-12

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 APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CASELLA AND SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE FOR PICKUP OF RECYCLABLE PLASTIC TO ENHANCE SOLID WASTE'S REVENUE STREAM AND INCREASE RECYCLING EFFORTS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Casella Major Account Services, seeks an agreement with Sullivan County Solid Waste for pickup and disposal of recyclable plastic products from a Casella-operated business in Kingsport, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Solid Waste is able to provide this service and make use of the recyclable materials to enhance the department's revenue stream; and

WHEREAS, the agreement (attached) between Casella and Sullivan County provides for $600 payment from Casella to the county for each load of recyclables picked up by Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, authorizes the appropriate Sullivan County official(s) to sign the attached agreement between Sullivan County and Casella Major Account Services, LLC.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this _____ 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hunter Locke

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 13
Resolution No. 2026-06-13

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 AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FRONTIER HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A CLEAR PROTOCOL FOR THE *CO-RESPONSE PROGRAM* BETWEEN THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND FRONTIER HEALTH.

WHEREAS , on May 21, 2026, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County adopted Resolution No. 2026-05-13, establishing funding for the Sullivan county Sheriff's Office new Co-Responder Program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has since reviewed a memorandum of understanding between the SCSO and Frontier Health to staff that program; and

Whereas, the county attorney has advised the memorandum of understanding must be brought before this body for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, authorizes the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding between SCSO and Frontier Health for the reasons and purposes stated herein.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) Sponsor to place on Consent at regular session on 6/18/26

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Item 14
Resolution No. 2026-06-14

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 AMEND THE GENERAL FUND 2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO COMPLETE AN ORDERLY PROCESS OF FINISHING THE FISCAL YEAR OPERATIONS DUE TO THIS BEING THE FINAL COMMISSION MEETING.

WHEREAS Sullivan County, as with previous years, needs to amend the current fiscal year budget for the General Fund to cover expenditures which will or may exceed the appropriations as of June 30, 2026; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular Session, hereby approve amending the Budget for the General Fund as follows:

56500-300-PRJ123	$5,500	Observation Knob Park-Contracted Services
56500-400-PRJ123	$7,500	Observation Knob Park-Supplies & Materials
43340-PRJ123	$13,000	Observation Knob Park-Recreation Fees Revenue
54110-100	$95,000	Sheriff – Personal Services
54110-200	$250,000	Sheriff – Employee Benefits
54220-100	$5,790	Workhouse – Personal Services
54220-200	$2,250	Workhouse – Employee Benefits
54210-100	- $100,790	Corrections – Personal Services
54210-200	-$252,250	Corrections – Employee Benefits
53120-200	$8,500	Circuit Court Clerk – Employee Benefits
53310-300-20000	$1,000	General Sessions Judge – Bristol
53310-300-30000	$2,000	General Sessions Judge - Kingsport
55510-400-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant
47180-PGM616	$28,187	CDBG Grant Revenue
54610-300-PGM612	$21,850	ETSU Forensics
58300-100	$13,188	Veteran Service Office - Personal Services

To be funded from the Fund Balance $46,538.

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 the Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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Reviewed by Chairman: _____
John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this ____day of_____, 20____ at or about the following time _____by the following method: _____.

_____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 06/11/26 (Work Session) To be considered on Waiver of Rules at regular session on 06/18/26

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Item 15
Resolution No. 2026-06-15

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2025-2026 GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL BUDGET FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNT SERIES, TRANSFERS TOTALING $12,500.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that certain funds will not be expended in the various account series mentioned; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Department of Education has determined that these funds are needed to cover additional costs for various other expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes amending the General Purpose School Budget as follows:

Account	Description	Amount
71100-140	Salary Supplements	-$12,500
72310-191	Board & Committee Members	+$5,500
72520-207	Medical Insurance	+7,000

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 the Rules Required

Duly passed and approved 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: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

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Item 16
Resolution No. 2026-06-16

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHOOL FUNDS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in session on the 18th day of June, 2026 approves that the amounts set out are hereby appropriated for the purpose of meeting the expenses of the various School funds of Sullivan County, Tennessee for the year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 according to the following schedule:

GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND (141)

71100	Regular Instruction Program - Direct		47,729,396
71200	Special Education Program - Direct		7,121,600
71300	Vocational Education Program - Direct		3,805,000
72120	Health Services		1,710,378
72130	Other Student Support		2,826,500
72210	Regular Instruction Program - Indirect		4,568,160
72220	Special Education Program - Indirect	478,000	
72230	Vocational Education Program - Indirect		153,925

72250	Education Technology	532,950
72310	Board of Education	2,515,900
72320	Office of Superintendent	477,550
72410	Office of Principal	7,517,000
72510	Fiscal Service	51,250
72520	Human Services / Personnel	264,375
72610	Operation of Plant	8,387,750
72620	Maintenance of Plant	4,308,300
72710	Transportation	7,076,050
73300	Community Services	30,785
73400	Early Childhood Education	1,424,670
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	1,693,400
82230	Debt Service	264,048
99100	Operating Transfers	379,325
	Total General Purpose School	$ 103,316,312

SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUND (143)

73100	Food Service	7,084,758

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	Total School Cafeteria Fund	7,084,758

DISCOVERY ACADEMY FUND (145)

73400	Early Childhood Education	240,000
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	Total Discovery Academy Fund	240,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the budget (appropriation accounts and revenue sources) for the School Federal Projects Fund shall be the budget approved for separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education and presented in this budget document.

SECTION 1. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to the budget shall be approved pursuant to Chapter 46 Private Acts of 2020. A copy of all budget amendments to be presented to the Budget Committee shall be filed with the Office of Finance Director for review before close for business on the day before the scheduled meeting. Any requisition not approved for processing due to impact on cash flow and returned to the Purchasing Department may be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration by the Finance Director or upon request by the requisitioning department.

SECTION 2, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, the aggregate expenditure for any item of appropriation shall in no instance be more than the amount herein appropriated for such item.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all grant appropriations reflected in this document are approved and shall continue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027; however, if funding should be discontinued by the respective government agency, the appropriations and participation in the grant program are discontinued.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any resolution which may hereafter be presented to the Board of County Commissioners providing for appropriations in addition to those made by this Budget Appropriation Resolution shall specifically provide sufficient revenue or other funds, actually to be provided during the year in which the expenditure is to be made, to meet such additional appropriation

SECTION 5. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the delinquent County property taxes for the year 2025 and prior years and the interest and penalty thereon collected during the year ending June 30, 2027, shall be apportioned to the various County funds according to the subdivision of the tax levy for the year 2025. The Clerk and Master and the Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to make such an apportionment accordingly.

SECTION 6. BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that all unencumbered balances of appropriations remaining at the end of the year shall lapse, and be of no further effect at the end of the year at June 30, 2027 unless specifically directed by this body otherwise. These designations shall be calculated by the Office of Finance Director as June of 30th of each year dependent upon available funding or redirection by this body.

SECTION 7. BE FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution or part of a resolution which has heretofore been passed by the Board of County Commissioners which is in conflict and provision in this resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage and its provisions shall be in force from and after July 1, 2027. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS:

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 17
Resolution No. 2026-06-17

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 18th day of June 2026.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners approve the combined property tax rate for Sullivan County, Tennessee, for the Fiscal Year General Purpose School Fund year beginning July 1, 2026; that said tax rate shall include the tax rate to provide $16,100,608 on each $100.00 of taxable property pursuant to the overall certified tax rate.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, which are in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution takes effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners and integrated into the 2026-2027 Budget Document upon its approval by the Sullivan County Commission.

Duly passed and approved 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: _____.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County:_____
Mayor, Sullivan County

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Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee this the _____ day of_____, 20_____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method:_____.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King
Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner Zane Vanover

ACTIONS: