

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

**COUNTY COMMISSION REGULAR SESSION**

- ❖ Call to Order by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy
  - ❖ Chairman John Gardner presiding
  - ❖ Invocation
  - ❖ Pledge to the American Flag
  - ❖ Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk
  - ❖ Proclamations & Recognitions, Presentations, Reports & Appointments
- 1) Sullivan County Schools Director Chuck Carter – video presentation
  - 2) Appointment: Mary Kvindis to Intermont Utility District.
  - 3) Appointment: Bill Winters to Blountville Utility District.
  - 4) Appointments: Jerry Fleenor, Amy Brown and JD Gregory to Sullivan County

Emergency Communications District Board.

- ❖ Approval of Meeting Minutes of: July 10, 2025, Rezoning Hearing and Work Session; and July 17, 2025, Regular Session Meeting. (Minutes are provided to commission members electronically and are available to the public at [www.sullivancountyclerktn.com/commission-minutes](http://www.sullivancountyclerktn.com/commission-minutes))
- ❖ Approval of Notaries Public
- ❖ Public Comment on Agenda Items
- ❖ Public Comment on Items not on the agenda
- ❖ Old Business/New Business
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Adjournment

***Sullivan County***  
***Board of County Commissioners***  
***245<sup>th</sup> Annual Session***

***Before the Mayor of Sullivan County, Tennessee***

**IN RE:      Intermont Utility District**  
**Sullivan County, Tennessee**

***WHEREAS***, the Intermont Utility District Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the Sullivan County Mayor, pursuant to T.C.A. §7-82-307, that a vacancy has occurred upon said utility board; and

***WHEREAS***, the Intermont District Board of Commissioners further certifies that the nominee, Mary Kvindis is qualified and has agreed to serve on the Board.

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED*** by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, pursuant to T.C.A. §7-82-307 that nominee, Mary Kvindis shall be appointed to the Intermont Utility District Board of Commissioners. Term to expire as per the by-laws of the utility district.

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Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

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Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

***Sullivan County***  
***Board of County Commissioners***  
***245<sup>th</sup> Annual Session***

***Before the Mayor of Sullivan County, Tennessee***

**IN RE:      Blountville Utility District  
             Sullivan County, Tennessee**

***Order Appointing Utility District Commissioner***

***WHEREAS***, the Blountville Utility District Board of Commissioners does hereby certify to the Sullivan County Mayor, pursuant to T.C.A. §7-82-307, that a vacancy has occurred upon said utility board by virtue of the expiration of a term; and

***WHEREAS***, the Blountville District Board of Commissioners further certifies that the nominee, Bill Winters, is qualified and has agreed to serve on the Board.

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED*** by Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, pursuant to T.C.A. §7-82-307 that nominee, Bill Winters, shall be appointed to the Blountville Utility District Board of Commissioners.

Term to expire as per the by-laws of the utility district.

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Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

Said order entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2025.

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Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

***Sullivan County***  
***Board of County Commissioners***  
***245<sup>th</sup> Annual Session***

**IN RE:       Sullivan County Emergency Communications District Board**  
**Blountville, Tennessee**

***Order Appointing Board Members***

WHEREAS, in accordance with T.C.A. §7-86-105(b)(1), Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable and upon recommendation of the Sullivan County Emergency Communications Board hereby makes the following appointment to the Sullivan County Emergency Communications District Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT CONFIRMED by the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners the following persons are reappointed to the Sullivan County Emergency Communications Board:

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Jerry Fleenor  
Term to expire: September 30, 2029

Amy Brown  
Term to expire: September 30, 2029

JD Gregory  
Term to expire: September 30, 2028

Said order confirmed and entered into the record of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of August 2025.

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Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor

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Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

**CONSENT AGENDA**

August 18, 2025

Item 1                    Resolution 2025-08-02 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Cole/Ward

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK BY SUBSTITUTING THE FOLLOWING FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2016-11-63; HOWEVER, ANY AND ALL ACTION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN IN RELIANCE UPON RESOLUTION NO. 2016-11-63 PRIOR TO THE PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL REMAIN VALID AND EFFECTIVE.**

Item 2                    Resolution 2025-08-03 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

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

Item 4                    Resolution 2025-08-05 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 INNOVATIVE SCHOOL MODELS (ISM) GRANT FUNDS IN THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND.**

Item 5                    Resolution 2025-08-06 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE FOR RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION.**

Item 6                    Resolution 2025-08-07 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE.**

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

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE FY 2026 PUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY GRANT FUNDS IN THE 2025-26 BUDGET.**

Item 8                    Resolution 2025-08-09 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Jones/Cross

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR, ACCEPTANCE (IF AWARDED), AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE BROADBAND READY COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING THROUGH SULLIVAN COUNTY LIBRARIES.**

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**CONSENT AGENDA CONTINUED**

August 18, 2025

Item 9                    Resolution 2025-08-10 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Glover/Vanover

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

Item 10                  Resolution 2025-08-11 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Glover/Jones

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025–2026 SOLID WASTE BUDGET TO INCLUDE THE REAPPROPRIATION OF REMAINING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION (TDEC) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,134.54 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CONVEYOR SYSTEM.**

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

Sponsors: Glover/King

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING FOR COUNTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM.**

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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Item 3            Resolution 2025-08-04 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)  
                    Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite

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Sponsors: Glover/King

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING FOR COUNTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM.**

Item 12 Resolution 2025-08-13 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Vanover

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPROVE TECHNOLOGY GRANTS FROM CORRECT SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC AND TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF TO DIRECT THE USE OF SAID GRANTS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DETENTION PURPOSES.**

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**Agenda Items Continued**

August 18, 2025

Item 13            Resolution 2025-08-14 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Leonard

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE (IF AWARDED), AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM FEMA/TEMA FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THREE PERMANENT STANDBY GENERATORS AT KEY SULLIVAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT LOCATIONS TO ENSURE CONTINUED OPERATIONS DURING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.**

Item 14            Resolution 2025-08-15 (WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED)

Sponsors: Hayes/Glover

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PUTTING UP FOR SALE COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 1052 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY BY GIVING PUBLIC NOTICE THAT SAID PROPERTY IS FOR SALE AND ADVERTISING THE PROCESS TO PLACE AN OFFER TO PURCHASE IT.**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**245th Annual Session**

Item 1  
Resolution No. 2025-08-02

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

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE SULLIVAN COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK BY SUBSTITUTING THE FOLLOWING FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2016-11-63; HOWEVER, ANY AND ALL ACTION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN IN RELIANCE UPON RESOLUTION NO. 2016-11-63 PRIOR TO THE PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL REMAIN VALID AND EFFECTIVE.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office submits annual applications to the State of Tennessee to receive funds to conduct various law enforcement projects within Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office conducts safety campaigns, sobriety and DUI patrols and checkpoints, and all officers of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office conducting the patrols and checkpoints are certified in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Employee Handbook does not specifically address grant-funded compensation as allowed by such state grants and other similar grants which specifically allow for the payment of employee compensation from said grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby amends the Sullivan County Employee Handbook to authorize the following Policy:

Law Enforcement Grant Compensation: When grant funding is available for law enforcement and correctional employee work independent of normal duties, the rate of pay for employees performing work specifically related to said grants may be paid at a rate of pay of up to 1.5 times the employee's normal rate of pay.

Employee hours worked as part of the employee's normal work will be independent from and be treated separately from hours worked as part of said law enforcement grants.

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

Duly adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Michael Cole  
Cosponsors: Travis Ward, Andrew Cross

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**245th Annual Session**

Item 2  
Resolution No. 2025-08-03

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

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

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

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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the amount of \$294,112.00. The revenue and expenditure account codes for this are as follows

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590	Other State Education Funds	294,112.00
71200-100	Salaries	263,400.00
71200-200	Employee Benefits	30,712

***Waiver of the Rules Requested***

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

Duly adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

**CONTINUED**

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County  
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

**Sponsor: Zane Vanover**  
**Cosponsors: Joyce Crosswhite**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**245th Annual Session**

Item 3  
Resolution No. 2025-08-04

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

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT STATE OF TENNESSEE PAYMENTS FOR TEACHER BONUS REIMBURSEMENT INTO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION'S GENERAL FUND.**

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Board of Education has pledged to pay out bonuses to eligible teachers and staff as part of the State of Tennessee's teacher bonus program; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Tennessee has allocated funds to reimburse local school districts for the payout of said bonuses to teachers and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Board of Education has received a payment from the State of Tennessee in the amount of one million three hundred ninety-three thousand nine hundred eighty dollars (\$1,393,980.00) for this purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Sullivan County Board of Education to officially recognize, accept, and allocate these funds as reimbursement for the teacher bonuses paid;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount (\$1,393,980.00). The revenue and expenditure account codes for this are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46590	Other State Education Funds	1,393,980
71100-188	Bonus Payments	1,216,000
71100-201	Social Security	75,392.00
71100-204	State Retirement	84,956.00
71100-212	Employer Medicare	17,632.00

***Waiver of the Rules Requested***

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

**CONTINUED**

Duly adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

***WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED***

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

**Sponsor: Joyce Crosswhite**  
**Cosponsor: Zane Vanover**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
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Item 4  
Resolution No. 2025-08-05

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

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE 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 funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are \$710,594.76.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the above amount (\$710,594.76). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46790-717	Other State Grants	710,594.76
71100-700-717	Capital Outlay	56,547.31
71300-100-717	Personnel	53,900.00
71300-200-717	Employee Benefits	25,906.09
71300-400-717	Supplies & Materials	147,016.36
71300-700-717	Capital Outlay	200,185.79
72230-300-717	Contracted Services	25,000.00
72230-500-717	Other Charges	19,002.50
72710-300-717	Contracted Services	7,490.00
76100-300-717	Contracted Services	10,900.00
76100-700-717	Capital Outlay	164,646.71

***Waiver of the Rules Requested***

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

Duly adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Mayor, Sullivan County  
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**Sponsor: Joyce Crosswhite**  
**Cosponsor: Zane Vanover**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
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Item 5  
Resolution No. 2025-08-06

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

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE FOR RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION.**

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received a grant from the University of Tennessee for the purpose of recruitment and retention of professional staff; and

**WHEREAS**, this grant, known as the UT Recruitment and Retention Grant, provides twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be used as a stipend for school psychologists; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds in the General Purpose School Fund; not to exceed the amount of \$25,000.00. The revenue and expenditure account codes for this are as follows

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
48130	Contributions	25,000.00
72220-124	School Psychologists	25,000.00

***Waiver of the Rules Requested***

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

Duly adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 6  
Resolution No. 2025-08-07

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 7, 2024, the Board of Education during its regularly scheduled meeting approved the expenditure from the Sullivan County Board of Education Undesignated Fund Balance in the amount of \$300,000.00 to cover the cost of an emergency alert system; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the previous year's fund balance allocations remains in the General Purpose School Fund, from which these funds may be appropriated; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed expenditure for the Emergency Alert System is (\$146,238.74);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said remaining allocations in the amount of \$146,238.74. The revenue and expenditure account codes for this are as follows

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
39000	Undesignated Fund Balance	146,238.74
76100-791	Other Construction	146,238.74

***Waiver of the Rules Requested***

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 7  
Resolution No. 2025-08-08

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

**RESOLUTION to Recognize the FY 2026 Public School Security Grant funds in the 2025-26 budget**

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Department of Education has received funding through the state of Tennessee to support school security; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds granted to Sullivan County Department of Education for the 2025-26 year are \$157,980.46;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes the Sullivan County Department of Education to recognize said grant funds; not to exceed the above amount (\$157,980.46). The revenue and expenditure account codes for the grant are as follows:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46980-719	Other State Grants	157,980.46
72130-790-719	Other Equipment	2,000.00
72620-399-719	Other Equipment	155,980.46

***Waiver of Rules Requested***

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

Duly adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

**CONTINUED**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

**Sponsor: Joyce Crosswhite**  
**Cosponsor: Zane Vanover**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**245th Annual Session**

Item 8  
Resolution No. 2025-08-09

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR, ACCEPTANCE (IF AWARDED), AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM THE BROADBAND READY COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING THROUGH SULLIVAN COUNTY LIBRARIES.**

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, through the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TNECD), administers the Broadband Ready Communities (BRC) Grant Program using federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to support broadband adoption and digital inclusion initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Broadband Ready Communities Grant provides funding of up to \$100,000 per eligible government entity with no local match requirement; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County is eligible to apply for these funds to support efforts that promote digital literacy, improve access to broadband services, and enhance technology use among residents; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Public Libraries plan to use awarded funds to implement a Digital Skills Training and Workforce Development Program, an initiative designed to empower community members by enhancing digital literacy, promoting safe internet practices, and building confidence in using online services; and

WHEREAS, this program will include offering digital skills training classes at each library branch, helping residents acquire essential technology skills for personal development, education, and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission recognizes the importance of digital inclusion and supports the application for these funds to improve the quality of life, education, and economic opportunity for its citizens.

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

SECTION 1. That the Sullivan County Commission hereby authorizes the application for Broadband Ready Communities Grant funds in the amount of \$32,680.

SECTION 2. That, if awarded, the Sullivan County Commission authorizes the acceptance of said funds and the appropriation of the full grant amount to the Sullivan County Library System for the implementation of the Digital Skills Training and Workforce Development Program, which includes classes and outreach efforts at all library branches to enhance digital access and education.



SECTION 3. That no local match shall be required for this grant, and no additional county funds shall be obligated by this resolution.

SECTION 4. That the Sullivan County Mayor, or their designee, is authorized to execute all necessary documents pertaining to the application, acceptance, and administration of this grant.

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

**Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.**

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

**Sponsor: Commissioner Sam Jones**  
**Cosponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**245th Annual Session**

Item 9  
Resolution No. 2025-08-10

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.**

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

**Sponsor: Hershel Glover**  
**Cosponsor: Zane Vanover**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**245th Annual Session**

Item 10  
Resolution No. 2025-08-11

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2025–2026 SOLID WASTE BUDGET TO INCLUDE THE REAPPROPRIATION OF REMAINING GRANT FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION (TDEC) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,134.54 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A CONVEYOR SYSTEM.**

**WHEREAS**, Sullivan County was awarded grant funding by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) to support capital improvements in the Solid Waste Department; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of this funding, in the amount of **\$94,134.54**, was designated for the **purchase of a conveyor system** to enhance operational efficiency and material handling capacity at the county’s recycling facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the procurement process for this specialized piece of equipment proved to be more complex than anticipated, resulting in extended timelines to identify a qualified vendor capable of meeting the County’s specifications and performance standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the funds originally allocated for this purpose remain unspent and must be reappropriated to the current fiscal year to ensure their continued use in accordance with the approved grant scope and intent; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the completion of this equipment purchase is essential to improving operational throughput and advancing the County’s waste reduction and recycling objectives.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session authorizes amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Solid Waste Fund budget by \$94,135 to reappropriate the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation grant to be used to purchase a conveyor system. Account codes to be assigned by the Finance Department. The remaining **\$94,134.00** in grant funds awarded by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) for the purchase of a conveyor system be **reappropriated to the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Solid Waste budget**.

1. The Sullivan County Solid Waste Department is **authorized to amend its FY 2025–2026 budget** to reflect this reappropriation and proceed with the procurement process.

2. The Sullivan County Mayor, Budget Office, and Finance Department are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to implement this amendment and ensure proper documentation in the County's financial records.

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

**Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.**

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

**Sponsor: Zane Vanover**

**Cosponsors: Larry Crawford; Hershel Glover; Sam Jones; Joyce Crosswhite**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
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Item 11  
Resolution No. 2025-08-12

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

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING FOR COUNTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, in FY 2023-24 the State significantly reduced the State Tax Relief program funding, which critically affected Sullivan County's elderly and disabled (27% funding decrease) and Sullivan County's 100% disabled veterans and their widow/widowers (36% funding decrease) who are dependent on the program to help meet their financial needs; and

WHEREAS, funding for the State Tax Relief program will continue to be funded by the State Legislature but, because of continued decreases in funding at the State level, it is the desire of Sullivan County to assist their taxpayers in bridging the gap created by the decrease in State funding; and

WHEREAS, it is important the Trustee furnish timely and accurate records to the State for the creation of Sullivan County's Tax Roll.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the Sullivan County Trustee to issue County Tax Relief benefits to qualifying State Tax Relief recipients in a total amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 for FY 2025-2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Trustee shall pay County Tax Relief benefits directly to qualifying taxpayers and will assess the benefit amount prior to allocations being made to funds.

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

**Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.**

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

**CONTINUED**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Hershel Glover

Cosponsors: Dwight King; David Akard; Matt Slagle; Sam Jones; Mark Ireson; Jessica Means;  
Travis Ward; Zane Vanover

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
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Item 12  
Resolution No. 2025-08-13

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES TO PROVIDE INMATE SERVICES INCLUDING AMOUNG OTHER THINGS COMMISSARY, PHONE, VIDEO VISITATION, AND APPROVE TECHNOLOGY GRANTS FROM CORRECT SOLUTIONS GROUP, LLC AND TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF TO DIRECT THE USE OF SAID GRANTS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DETENTION PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, Tyler Technology is willing to provide commissary services, phone services, video visitation, and other services to inmates of the Sullivan County Jail, and

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Commission recognizes the need for continued investment in technology to support the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office and detention operations; and

**WHEREAS**, Correct Solutions Group, LLC ("CSG") has offered to provide Sullivan County with technology grants to be used at the direction of the Sheriff for law enforcement and/or detention purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, Tyler Technologies has also offered to provide Sullivan County with technology grants to be used at the direction of the Sheriff for law enforcement and/or detention purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sullivan County Commission finds that acceptance of these grants will benefit public safety and enhance technology services within the County's detention facilities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Sullivan County Commission as follows:

**Section 1. Contract with Tyler Technologies.**

The Sullivan County Commission hereby approves the contract (attached) with Tyler Technologies for the provision of services to inmates of the Sullivan County Jail including, but not limited to, commissary services, phone services, video visitation services, for an initial term of 3 years and options to renew annually thereafter.

**Section 2. Approval of CSG Technology Grants**

The Sullivan County Commission hereby accepts the following technology grants from Correct Solutions Group, LLC:

1. A first grant in the amount of **Three Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$335,000)** to be disbursed to Sullivan County within thirty (30) days following:
  - The commencement of telephone services, and
  - The successful completion of the first telephone call utilizing CSG's communications system.



2. A second grant in the amount of **Three Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$335,000)** to be disbursed to Sullivan County on or before **July 1, 2026**.
3. The remaining two (2) years of technology grant and commission payments shall be subject to **renegotiation at midterm (April 2027)**, contingent upon the **Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) determination regarding** the permissibility of such payments to correctional facilities.

## **Section 2. Approval of Tyler Technologies Grants**

The Sullivan County Commission hereby accepts the following technology grants from Tyler Technologies:

1. A first grant in the amount of **One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000)** to be disbursed to Sullivan County within thirty (30) days following:
  - Commencement of Video Visitation, Video Chat, Electronic Messaging, and Entertainment Content utilizing Tyler Technologies' system, and
  - Confirmation that all services remain active and Tyler remains the exclusive provider.
2. A second grant in the amount of **One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000)** to be disbursed to Sullivan County on or before **July 1, 2026**, contingent on:
  - All services remaining active, and
  - Tyler remaining the exclusive provider.
3. The remaining two (2) years of technology grant and commission payments shall be subject to **renegotiation at midterm (April 2027)**, contingent upon the **FCC's determination** regarding continued permissibility of such payments to correctional facilities.

## **Section 3. Use of Funds**

The funds received from both CSG and Tyler Technologies shall be utilized **at the direction of the Sullivan County Sheriff for any lawful law enforcement or detention purpose**, in accordance with the terms set forth in the respective agreements.

**A program code will be set up by the Sullivan County Accounts and Budgets department to allow for easier accounting of these funds.**

**Expenditure Account: 101 E 54210 400      \$485,000**

## **WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED**

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

Duly adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsored by: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite**  
**Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioner Zane Vanover, Mark Ireson, Gary Stidham**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**245th Annual Session**

Item 13  
Resolution No. 2025-08-14

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE (IF AWARDED), AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM FEMA/TEMA FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF THREE PERMANENT STANDBY GENERATORS AT KEY SULLIVAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT LOCATIONS TO ENSURE CONTINUED OPERATIONS DURING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.**

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) offer funding to support the implementation of hazard mitigation measures that reduce the risk of loss of life and property from future disasters; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has identified a critical need for permanent standby generators to maintain operational continuity during emergencies at the following essential county facilities:

- Sullivan County Emergency Management Agency, 1651 Blountville Bypass, Blountville, TN 37617
- Emergency Staging Area / Shelter-in-Place Facility, 1651 Blountville Bypass, Blountville, TN 37617
- Sullivan County Mayor's Office / Finance Department, 155 School Avenue, Blountville, TN 37617; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is proposed to be funded through a combination of federal, state, and local sources, with FEMA providing 75%, TEMA providing 12.5%, and Sullivan County contributing the remaining 12.5%; and

WHEREAS, securing this grant funding will strengthen the County's disaster preparedness and ensure that critical government functions can be sustained during power outages and emergency events.

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

1. The Sullivan County Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to apply for funding in the amount of **\$581,500** from the FEMA/TEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for the purchase and installation of three permanent standby generators as described herein;
2. If awarded, the Sullivan County Mayor is further authorized to accept said funds and to execute any and all necessary documents required to facilitate the grant award, including agreements and contracts with federal, state, and local agencies or vendors;

3. The Sullivan County Finance Department is authorized to establish the appropriate budget line items and to appropriate the total project cost in the amount of **\$581,500** to be funded as follows:

- FEMA (75%) Contribution: \$436,125
- TEMA (12.5%) Contribution: \$72,688
- Local (12.5%) Match Requirement: \$72,688

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

*WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED*

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

**ACTION BY MAYOR**

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

**Sponsor: Joyce Crosswhite**  
**Cosponsors: Tony Leonard; Michael Cole**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
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Item 14  
Resolution No. 2025-08-15

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

**A RESOLUTION TO PLACE FOR SALE COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 1052 BRISTOL CAVERNS HIGHWAY BY PUBLISHING PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO SALE AND NECESSARY STEPS OF PROCESS FOR WOULD-BE BUYERS TO PLACE OFFERS OF PURCHASE OF SAID PROPERTY.**

**WHEREAS**, by court order, Sullivan County became the owner of property located at 1052 Bristol Caverns Highway and the county has no use for this parcel; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple individuals have expressed interest and/or made offers to purchase this property from the county, a move which would place it back on the tax roll; and

**WHEREAS**, per county policy the potential sale of the property was reviewed by the Financial Management Committee, which voted to recommend to the full Commission that the property be advertised for sale to give those interested a clear path to legally pursue purchase of it.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, approve placement of county-owned property at 1052 Bristol Caverns Highway for sale and direct the office of the County Mayor to cause to be published a public notice of intent to accept offers to purchase the property and to include in such notice the proper steps required for those interested to place their offers.

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

**WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED**

Duly adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Delivered to the Sullivan County Mayor or his secretary this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by the following method: \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County  
Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Sullivan County

**Sponsor: David Hayes**  
**Cosponsors: Hershel Glover; Dwight King**