

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
July 16, 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: June 11, 2026, Rezoning Hearing; June 18, 2026, Monthly Meeting; and June 29, 2026, Special Called Meeting.
- ❖ Appointments, Presentations & Recognitions
 - 1) Appointment of Hunter Woodall to the Interment Utility District Board of Directors.
 - 2) Proclamation Recognizing Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee for Outstanding Community Service in Celebration of its 40th Anniversary.
 - 3) Networks Director Clay Walker – quarterly report on economic development.
 - 4) Explore Bristol Executive Director Matt Bolas – quarterly report on NETTA's work promoting tourism for Sullivan County.
- ❖ Public Hearing on agenda items.
- ❖ Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- ❖ Consent Agenda (3, 4, 5, 6,)
- ❖ Old Business
- ❖ New Business
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Adjournment

SULLIVAN COUNTY
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July 16, 2026
CONSENT AGENDA

Item 3 Resolution 2026-07-02

 Sponsors: Crosswhite/Calton

RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES

Item 4 Resolution 2026-07-03

 Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite

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Item 5 Resolution 2026-07-04

 Sponsors: Gardner/Crosswhite

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Item 6 Resolution 2026-07-05

 Sponsors: Vanover/Crosswhite

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET BY
APPROPRIATING ROLLOVER AND NEW GRANT FUNDS FOR THE GEAR UP GRANT FROM EAST
TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY (ETSU)**

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.

Item 2 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.

New Business

Item 3 Resolution 2026-07-02 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Calton

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Item 7 Resolution 2026-07-06

Sponsors: Crosswhite/King

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE UP TO \$100,000 OF SULLIVAN COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUES TO FUND NECESSARY REPAIRS TO VITAL, COUNTY-OWNED HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND SITES IN HISTORIC BLOUNTVILLE

Item 8 Resolution 2026-07-07 (ON CONSENT)

Sponsors: Harvey/Stidham

RESOLUTION TO MAKE A ONE-TIME CONTRIBUTION OF \$50,000 TO SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF NORTHEAST TENNESSEE TO HELP FUND THE AGENCY'S FOOD BACKPACK PROGRAM FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR TO PROVIDE NUTRITIOUS MEALS TO SULLIVAN COUNTY STUDENTS IN NEED OF FOOD AT HOME

Item 9 Resolution 2026-07-08 (WAIVER OF RULES)

Sponsors: Vanover/Ireson

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$123,065.88 TO THE NORTHEAST TENNESSEE TOURISM ASSOCIATION FROM SULLIVAN COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

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Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-07-09

Sponsors: Vanover/Gardner

RESOLUTION TO AMEEND THE 2025-2026 CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S BUDGET TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CRIMINAL COURT VIDEO PRESENTATION PLATFORM IN BOTH OF THE CRIMINAL COURTROOMS IN THE BLOUNTVILLE JUSTICE CENTER.

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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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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

Delivered to the 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; 06/18/26 (Regular Session); Sponsor submitted an amended copy for
distribution and deferred until July meeting.

AS AMENDED BY SPONSOR FOR DISTRIBUTION 6/18/2026

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

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

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

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

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed by Chairman: _____

John T. Gardner, Chairman, Sullivan County Commission.

ATTEST: _____

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____

Mayor, Sullivan County

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Gary Stidham

Cosponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 07/09/26 (Work Session) To be considered at Regular Session on 07/16/26;

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Item 2
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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County:

Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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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: 06/18/26 (Regular Session) 1st Reading; 06/29/26 (Called Session) No action taken; 07/09/26
(Work Session) Sponsor plans to defer

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Item 3
Resolution No. 2026-07-02

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 16th day of July 2026.

RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES

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

WHEREAS, the current amount owed against the properties is \$ 762.45 for the parcel; and

WHEREAS, a bid in the amount of \$200.00 has been received from Tom Agnew dba Nodaway River Land and Cattle on the parcel; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with T.C.A. §67-5-2507 a legal notice has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in Sullivan County advising the public of such bid and potential sale of land; and

WHEREAS, during the ten-day period after publication, the Office of the County Mayor received no raised bids on such property; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Delinquent Tax Committee has reviewed the delinquency period, location, condition, and value of the property and took into consideration the bid placed upon the property; and the Committee has recommended that the County accept the bid;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the sale of property in the 7th Civil District identified as S. of Cochise Trail Tax Map 049P/D/009.00; to Tom Agnew dba Nodaway River Land and Cattle for \$200.00 for the parcel in accordance with T.C.A. §67-5-2507.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a provision of the sale be that the buyer agrees to bring the property into compliance with the Sullivan County Property Maintenance Code within one year of receiving the deed for this property.

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

Duly passed and approved 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 the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

Cosponsors: Commissioner Darlene Calton

ACTIONS: 07/09/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Calendar at Regular Session on 07/16/26;

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Item 4
Resolution No. 2026-07-03

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 16th day of July 2026.

RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES

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

WHEREAS, the current amount owed against the properties is \$3,749.40 for the parcel; and

WHEREAS, a bid in the amount of \$200.00 has been received from Tom Agnew dba Nodaway River Land and Cattle on the parcel; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with T.C.A. §67-5-2507 a legal notice has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in Sullivan County advising the public of such bid and potential sale of land; and

WHEREAS, during the ten-day period after publication, the Office of the County Mayor received no raised bids on such property; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Delinquent Tax Committee has reviewed the delinquency period, location, condition, and value of the property and took into consideration the bid placed upon the property; and the Committee has recommended that the County accept the bid;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the sale of property in the 17th Civil District identified as Hidden Valley Road Tax Map 037E/F/012.00; to Tom Agnew dba Nodaway River Land and Cattle for \$200.00 for the parcel in accordance with T.C.A. §67-5-2507.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a provision of the sale be that the buyer agrees to bring the property into compliance with the Sullivan County Property Maintenance Code within one year of receiving the deed for this property.

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

Duly passed and approved 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 the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover

Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 07/09/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Calendar at Regular Session on 07/16/26;

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Item 5
Resolution No. 2026-07-04

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 16th day of July 2026.

RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTIES

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

WHEREAS, the current amount owed against the properties is \$10,987.35 for the parcel; and

WHEREAS, a bid in the amount of \$200.00 has been received from Tom Agnew dba Nodaway River Land and Cattle on the parcel; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with T.C.A. §67-5-2507 a legal notice has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in Sullivan County advising the public of such bid and potential sale of land; and

WHEREAS, during the ten-day period after publication, the Office of the County Mayor received no raised bids on such property; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Delinquent Tax Committee has reviewed the delinquency period, location, condition, and value of the property and took into consideration the bid placed upon the property; and the Committee has recommended that the County accept the bid;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the sale of property in the 13th Civil District identified as S.W. of Laurelwood Drive Tax Map 075K/C/007.00; to Tom Agnew dba Nodaway River Land and Cattle for \$200.00 for the parcel in accordance with T.C.A. §67-5-2507.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a provision of the sale be that the buyer agrees to bring the property into compliance with the Sullivan County Property Maintenance Code within one year of receiving the deed for this property.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner John Gardner

Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 07/09/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Calendar at Regular Session on 07/16/26;

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Item 6
Resolution No. 2026-07-05

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 16th day of July 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET BY
APPROPRIATING ROLLOVER AND NEW GRANT FUNDS FOR THE GEAR UP GRANT
FROM EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY (ETSU)**

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

WHEREAS, the GEAR UP Grant program has unspent rollover funds from the 2025-2026 fiscal year in the amount of \$128,414.26 that need to be recognized and re-allocated into the current budget; and

WHEREAS, ETSU has also allocated new grant funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year in the amount of \$130,638.00 to continue funding the program's operations, staffing, and student resources; and

WHEREAS, the total combined amount to be appropriated into the General Purpose School Fund budget for the GEAR UP Grant program equals \$259,052.26; and

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

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46790-725	Other Vocational	\$128,414.26
46790-728	Other Vocational	\$130,638.00
71300-429-725	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	\$21,909.26
71300-449-725	Textbooks	\$10,000.00
71300-471-725	Software & Online Curriculum	\$15,000.00

71300-499-725	Other Supplies & Materials	\$5,000.00
71300-730-725	Instructional Equipment	\$15,000.00
72130-189-725	Salaries & Wages	\$10,287.00
72130-201-725	Social Security	\$638.00
72130-204-725	Retirement	\$925.84
72130-212-725	Medicare	\$149.16
72130-315-725	Transportation-Contracted Svs	\$19,505.00
72130-524-725	Inservice & Professional Dev	\$15,000.00
72230-355-725	Travel	\$15,000.00
71300-429-728	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	\$23,638.00
71300-449-728	Textbooks	\$10,000.00
71300-471-728	Software & Online Curriculum	\$15,000.00
71300-499-728	Other Supplies & Materials	\$5,000.00
71300-730-728	Instructional Equipment	\$15,000.00
72130-189-728	Salaries & Wages	\$10,287.00
72130-201-728	Social Security	\$638.00
72130-204-728	Retirement	\$925.84

72130-212-728	Medicare	\$149.16
72130-315-728	Transportation-Contracted Svs	\$20,000.00
72130-524-728	Inservice & Professional Dev	\$15,000.00
72230-355-728	Travel	\$15,000.00

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Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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Mayor, Sullivan County

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

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover

Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

ACTIONS: 07/09/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Consent Calendar at Regular Session on 07/16/26;

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Item 7
Resolution No. 2026-07-06

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 16th day of July 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE UP TO \$100,000 OF SULLIVAN COUNTY
OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUES TO FUND NECESSARY REPAIRS TO VITAL, COUNTY-
OWNED HISTORIC STRUCTURES AND SITES IN HISTORIC BLOUNTVILLE**

WHEREAS professional assessment of key structures significant to the history of Sullivan County and located within historic Blountville have revealed immediate needed repairs to secure said historic structures for continued points of interest for visitors; and

WHEREAS the county has obtained estimates for the cost of the needed work; and

WHEREAS the needed work is an eligible use of revenue derived from the county's occupancy tax.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, approves appropriation of up to \$100,000 for the repair work listed below, said funds to come from revenue generated by the county's occupancy tax. Account codes to be assigned by the Finance Department.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its 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

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Mayor, Sullivan County

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Mayor, Sullivan County

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following method:

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsors: Commissioner Dwight King; Commissioner David Akard; Commissioner Mark Ireson;
Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Sam Jones; Commissioner
Zane Vanover
ACTIONS: 07/09/26 (Work Session) To be placed on 1st Reading at Regular Session on 07/16/26;

Smoke house		
3	1. Finish chinking	\$ 2,500
3	2. Inspect/correct issues w roof	\$ 250
Anderson townhouse		
1	1. Move one live streaming camera from front room to dining room	\$ 300
1	2. Connect all camera's to the county internet one to go active – paid by SCHPA	\$ 250
1	3. Inspect A/C system ducting – need additional A/C	\$ 400
1	4. Bathroom remodel	Grant
1	5. Remove paneling in dining room/add sheetrock	\$ 200
3	6. Replace roof	\$ 60,000
3	7. Correct issues with gutters/downspouts/drain to road	\$ 1,000
3	8. Rekey front door (w 3 keys)	\$ 450
Springhouse		
2	1. Shore up springhouse – prep for Blacksmith shop (set doors)	\$ 1,000
2	2. Replace metal roof on spring house	\$ 3,000
2	3. Build/replace doors, add locks, etc	\$ 2,000
2	4. Level out 'ground' under shed on spring house/add dirt	\$ 400
Granny Cabin		
1	1. Remove groundhogs	\$ 500
1	2. Repair foundation – (groundhog damage)	\$ 3,000
1	3. Repair hearth, line chimney, open chimney cap(allow open hearth cooking)	\$ 4,000
1	4. Repair/reset purlin logs (flooring)	\$ 1,000
1	5. Tie in logs to fireplace on right side of chimney (wall beginning to separate)	\$ 2,000
2	6. Repair chinking/daubing	\$ 1,000
3	7. Check/repair roof	\$ 250
3	8. Secure wood trim around structure	\$ 400
Iron Works Cabin		
1	1. Replace lower level logs – appears to be termite damage –	\$ 6,000
3	2. Install new window, frame (window frame w glass on-site)	\$ 400
1	3. Inspect/repair all logs on 'back side'	\$ 1,000
1	4. Repair chinking/daubing as needed	\$ 400
1	5. Cap chimney	\$ 500
3	6. Add shed roof between IWC and Tavern Kitchen	\$ 2,500
Law Office/school house		
1	1. replace or repair floor, floor joist/stringers (not on tour due to joist issues)(safety)	\$ 3,500
3	2. scrape/paint building	\$ 1,000
Outside water		
1	1. Fix/replace outside faucet under porch in Tavern	\$ 100
1	2. Fix/replace outside faucet on back side of law office/school house	\$ 100
Rutledge House		
2	1. Replace/repair siding on side of building adjacent to 3389 Hwy 126	\$ 1,000
3	2. Purchase/install external light on Rutledge House (safety)	\$ 250
3	3. Repair patio – water damage to Inn and Rutledge House (brick)	\$ 2,000
2	4. Insulate pipes to allow use of water in kitchen during winter	\$ 500
3	5. Build out second floor – (additional A/C)	\$ 40,000
3	6. Sand and finish floor - first floor	\$ 1,000
1	7. Check/repair/replace gutters	\$ 5,000
1	8. inspect/replace handrail and ballisters on steps between RH and Inn (safety)	\$ 1,000
Deery Inn		
2	1. Replace/repair/paint porch decking on left side (court house) of dining room	\$ 400
2	2. Repair patio – water damage to Inn and Rutledge House	\$ 500
3	3. Cover openings of all chimneys – water issues (clean out chimney)	\$ 3,000
2	4. Insulate pipes to allow use of water in bathroom	\$ 500
3	5. Repair/replace/ glaze all windows (following NPS guidelines)	\$ 15,000
3	6. Paint doors - outside	\$ 250
3	7. Repair/paint siding outside	\$ 2,000
1	8. Check/repair flashing on chimney - Tavern	\$ 500
3	10. Paint walls/Polly Smith room on second floor of Inn - water damage	\$ 1,000
3	11. Paint tavern	\$ 500
1	11. Repair floor - front of back stairway (safety)	\$ 1,200
1	12. Repair/replace gutters as needed	\$ 5,000

1	13. Inspect/repair underpinning/wall of porch off of dining room (safety)	\$	3,000
1	14. Inspect/repair floor in Tavern Room - major safety issue possible floor joist issue	\$	4,000
1	15. Inspect underpinning behind bulkhead under door to Gathering Room/main steps	\$	1,000
3	15. Clean out fireplace(s), remove 'stuff', seal with insulation etc	\$	1,000
Tavern Kitchen			
1	1. purchase and Install chimney hood	\$	3,500
2	2. repair 'cracks' in brick/inside walls	\$	2,000
General work - all buildings/grounds			
3	1. Paint where needed	\$	3,000
1	2. Inspect ALL wooden shake roofs - repair as needed	\$	2,000
1	3. Level up all brick on various walkways and patio's (safety)	\$	1,000
3	4. Repair and Reglaze all windows (excluding Inn)	\$	1,500
3	5. Level out grounds - adding dirt, seeding, etc (safety)	\$	4,000
Livery Brick Structure (not a slave house)			
	1.chimney cap		
	2. replace interpretive sign with accurate historical use		
Snow House			
	1. add screen/grates to all of the crawlspace openings to keep critters out		
	2. refurbish historic front door - sand, glue, stain, poly, add brass kickplates to both sides, fix door handle - insalled upside down		
	3. replace roof with metal roof to match Old Sheriff's Home		
	4. cap chimneys to keep critters and rain out		
	5. scrap brick on front porch - do not paint - leave to match Tourism brick façade - keep original looking		
	6. replace shingle roof with metal roof		
Old Sheriff's Home - Heritage Information Center			
	1. fix gutters for leaking		
	2. add outdoor frostproof spigot for taking care of landscaping - can be used for Veterans Memorial as well		
Courthouse			
	3. clean out gutters/roof - looks like small tree is growing out of metal roof above front columns		
	4. fix loose brick sidewalk as needed		

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Item 8
Resolution No. 2026-07-07

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 16th day of July 2026.

RESOLUTION TO MAKE A ONE-TIME CONTRIBUTION OF \$50,000 TO SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK OF NORTHEAST TENNESSEE TO HELP FUND THE AGENCY'S FOOD BACKPACK PROGRAM FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR TO PROVIDE NUTRITIOUS MEALS TO SULLIVAN COUNTY STUDENTS IN NEED OF FOOD AT HOME

WHEREAS in Sullivan County, more than 26,000 County residents, including 6,400 children, experience food insecurity each year; and

WHEREAS that means that 1 in 5 children in Sullivan County are food insecure; and

WHEREAS through the Food For Kids Backpack Program, Second Harvest Food Bank works with Bristol City Schools, Kingsport City Schools, and Sullivan County Schools to ensure that children in their respective systems, who are identified as chronically hungry, have access to nutritious food outside of school hours; and

WHEREAS during the 2025-2026 school year, 1,395 Sullivan County children were served by Second Harvest Food Bank; and

WHEREAS it takes more than \$150,000 total to pay to serve the children covered by the Food For Kids program in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS a \$50,000 investment, as proposed, will provide a bag of food every two weeks to 454 Sullivan County children during the 2026-2027 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, approves a one-time contribution of \$50,000 to Second Harvest Food Bank for the agency's Food For Kids Backpack Program during the 2026-2027 school year by appropriation of that amount to the agency from the county's general fund fund balance.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its 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 the _____ day of _____, 20____ at or about the following time _____ by the following method: _____.

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Cheryl Harvey

Cosponsors: Commissioner Gary Stidham; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Barry Hopper; Commissioner Darlene Calton.

ACTIONS: 07/09/26 (Work Session) To be placed on 1st Reading at Regular Session on 07/16/26;

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Item 9
Resolution No. 2026-07-08

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 16th day of July 2026.

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$123,065.88 TO THE NORTHEAST TENNESSEE TOURISM ASSOCIATION FROM SULLIVAN COUNTY OCCUPANCY TAX COLLECTIONS FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER OF FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026.

WHEREAS, by prior action the Sullivan County Commission established current policy to direct 50 percent of county occupancy tax revenue to the Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association at the request of the cities of Bristol and Kingsport and to make such payments to NETTA on a quarterly basis; and

WHEREAS, the current policy states the county shall pay NETTA for each quarter no later than six weeks after the end of each quarter; and

WHEREAS, the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2025-2026 ended June 30 and the Sullivan County Finance Department has available the total revenue amount for the quarter; and

WHEREAS, 50 percent of total receipts for the first quarter (less fees withheld by the county clerk and county trustee) equals \$123,065.88.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in Regular Session, approves appropriation of \$123,065.88 and authorizes payment in that amount to NETTA to fulfill the Commission's commitment to directing 50 percent of Sullivan County occupancy tax revenue to NETTA on a quarterly basis in exchange for unspecified destination tourism marketing and promotion of Sullivan County Tennessee. Accounts and codes to be assigned by the Sullivan County Finance Department.

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

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED

Duly adopted this _____ day of _____ 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover

Cosponsors: Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner John Gardner

ACTIONS: 07/09/26 (Work Session) To be placed on Waiver of Rules at Regular Session on 07/16/26.

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Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-07-09

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 16th day of July 2026.

RESOLUTION TO AMEEND THE 2025-2026 CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S BUDGET TO APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CRIMINAL COURT VIDEO PRESENTATION PLATFORM IN BOTH OF THE CRIMINAL COURTROOMS IN THE BLOUNTVILLE JUSTICE CENTER.

WHEREAS, due to the aging of the video presentation equipment used in the courtrooms in the Blountville Justice Center's two courtrooms, both have stopped working making routine evidence presentation difficult due to not properly being able to present video and audio evidence in trials; and

WHEREAS, due to the age of the equipment, the software used is no longer supported and multiple parts of the system are no longer manufactured making the system no longer repairable, it is need of replacement; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session on July 16, 2026, approves the cost of \$127,656.00 to replace the existing equipment and to amend the current fiscal year budget to cover the cost of the equipment.

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

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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

ATTEST: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk, Sullivan County

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

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

Delivered to the Chairman of the Sullivan County Commission or his designee 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 John Gardner; Commissioner Travis Ward; Commissioner Joyce
Crosswhite; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner Cheryl Harvey.