

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
Order of Business
March 12, 2026
6:00 p.m.

COUNTY COMMISSION WORK SESSION

- ❖ Call to Order by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy
- ❖ Chairman John Gardner presiding
- ❖ Invocation
- ❖ Pledge to the American Flag
- ❖ Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk
- ❖ Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- ❖ Public Hearing on agenda items.
- ❖ Review of Old Business/Drafts of Potential New Business
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Adjournment

NOTE: No Rezoning Hearing for March 2026 due to no cases or zoning text amendments.

Old Business

Item 1 Resolution 2026-02-13
 Sponsors: Ward/Crosswhite

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$544,900 FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND TO PURCHASE THE “SNAPP-FAIN” HOUSE PROPERTY, INCLUDING THE “ANDERSON BOYS COTTAGE” AT 3389 HIGHWAY 126, BLOUNTVILLE.

New Business

Item 2 Resolution No. 2026-03-01
 Sponsors: McMurray/Crawford

RESOLUTION TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY DELINQUENT TAX ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO STATE LAW (TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED §67-5-2404)

Item 3 Resolution No. 2026-03-02
 Sponsors: Vanover/Crawford

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$10,000 IN STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION FORMULA (SAEF) GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SULLIVAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING AS A PROFESSION (TAP) PROGRAM

Item 4 Resolution No. 2026-03-03
 Sponsors: Vanover/Crawford

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$20,000 IN TENNESSEE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (TYEP) GRANT FUNDS FROM VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Item 5 Resolution No. 2026-03-04
 Sponsors: Vanover/Crawford

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$130,638 IN GEAR UP GRANT FUNDS FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Item 6 Resolution No. 2026-03-05
 Sponsors: Vanover/Crawford

RESOLUTION to Recognize an Amendment to the FY 2026 Innovative School Models (ISM) Grant Funds in the General Purpose School Fund

Item 7 Resolution No. 2026-03-06
 Sponsors: King/Glover

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION (TDEC) FOR THE HURRICANE HELENE SOLID WASTE AND DEBRIS MANAGEMENT GRANT

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Item 8 Resolution No. 2026-03-07

Sponsors: Ireson/Calton

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HEALTHY BUILT ENVIRONMENT GRANT PROGRAM (RFA #34301-17626) IN THE PHASE B – INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CATEGORY FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS AT SULLIVAN HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Item 9 Resolution No. 2026-03-08

Sponsors: Means/Ward

RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE THE PETTY JOHN ROAD BRIDGE IN HONOR OF CLP DONALD R. GONCE, USMC

Item 10 Resolution No. 2026-03-09

Sponsors: Vanover/Glover

RESOLUTION FOR CONTINUATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRSTDUE SOFTWARE FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS.

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Item 01
Resolution No. 2026-02-13

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of February 2026.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$544,900 FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND TO PURCHASE THE “SNAPP-FAIN” HOUSE PROPERTY INCLUDING THE “ANDERSON BOYS COTTAGE” AT 3389 HIGHWAY 126, BLOUNTVILLE.

Whereas, Sullivan County’s Opioid Advisory Committee has been advised of the need to establish and operate Sullivan County Women’s Recovery Home, providing a mentored and monitored program for females recovering from substance abuse disorder; and

Whereas, similar programs and housing are offered in adjacent localities, but not in Blountville; and

WHEREAS, the committee authorized the county mayor to negotiate with the owners of property at 3389 Highway 126 – convenient walking distance to churches, potential employers, daycare, playgrounds and parks offering opportunities for physical fitness activities; and

WHEREAS, the owners of the property and their real estate sales representative have agreed to the above price, rather than the original asking price for the unique two-dwelling property within the Blountville Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the Opioid Advisory Committee voted to recommend to the full Sullivan County Commission that the property be purchased to provide a significant foundation for establishment of the Sullivan County Women’s Recovery Home.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session, approves appropriation of \$544,900 from the county’s Opioid Settlement Fund account to purchase the property at 3389 Highway 126.

This Resolution shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. Account codes to be assigned by the Finance Department. All Resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted ___ 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 Travis Ward
Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner Archie Pierce.
ACTIONS: 02/12/26 (Work Session) To be considered at regular session on 02/19/26.
02/19/26 (Regular Session) 1st Reading

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Item 02
Resolution No. 2026-03-01

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of March 2026.

RESOLUTION TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY DELINQUENT TAX ATTORNEY PURSUANT TO STATE LAW (TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED §67-5-2404)

WHEREAS, pursuant to T.C.A. §67-5-2404, Angela Taylor, Sullivan County Trustee, with the approval of Sullivan County Mayor, Richard S. Venable, appointed Jim Williams, Attorney at Law (dba Jim Williams & Associates, Attorneys at Law, LLC.) as Delinquent Tax Attorney for Sullivan County effective May 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, when accepting the position, Jim Williams, Attorney at Law, began service as Delinquent Tax Attorney at a reduced rate of compensation; and

WHEREAS, Jim Williams, Attorney at Law, has represented the County well in this position by working with the Clerk & Master’s office to hold three county tax sales to date; by frequently assisting the Trustee’s office with various delinquent tax matters; and by assisting the Mayor’s office with the sale of properties outside of county tax sales; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to T.C.A. §67-5-2404 the County Commission for Sullivan County must confirm the terms of compensation for such Delinquent Tax Attorney as negotiated by the Sullivan County Trustee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby confirms the terms of compensation as set out below the for Delinquent Tax Attorney, Jim Williams, Attorney at Law (dba Jim Williams & Associates, Attorneys at Law, LLC.).

Terms of Compensation:

- ◆ As allowed by Tennessee statute, the Delinquent Tax Attorney will receive compensation of ten percent (10 %) of all delinquent taxes paid; said payment of delinquent taxes may be from voluntary payment or by judicial sale.
- ◆ When Sullivan County bids in property from a tax sale, fees for the Delinquent Tax Attorney will not be applied during the County’s possession of the property nor will the attorney be compensated until Sullivan County resells the property to a third party.
- ◆ The Delinquent Tax Attorney will be entitled to such allowances that the Court may direct pursuant to the authority of T.C.A. §8-21-404, T.C.A. §8-21-801 and T.C.A. §67-5-2410(c)(3) and (d).
- ◆ The Sullivan County Trustee may terminate the contractual client/attorney relationship at any time, for any reason, or for no reason with thirty-day written notice to the Delinquent Tax Attorney. For purposes herein said “date of termination” will be established as the “30-day date” established in the written notice.

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- ◆ Said compensation for Delinquent Tax Attorney services, current and future, will cease immediately upon date of termination.
- ◆ As of the date of termination, no future compensation will be due to the attorney from forthcoming county tax sales, regardless of prior work performed or suits filed.
- ◆ Within sixty (60) days of the date of termination, said Delinquent Tax Attorney will file with Sullivan County Chancery Court the proper documentation to receive all compensation due as of the date of termination.

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

Duly adopted ____ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed 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

Sponsored By: Commissioner Joe McMurray
Co-Sponsor(s): Commissioners Larry Crawford, Mark Ireson

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Item 03
Resolution No. 2026-03-02

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of March 2026.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$10,000 IN STATE APPRENTICESHIP EXPANSION FORMULA (SAEF) GRANT FUNDS FOR THE SULLIVAN EAST HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING AS A PROFESSION (TAP) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD), through its State Apprenticeship Agency (Office of Apprenticeship), administers the State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula (SAEF) grant program; and

WHEREAS, SAEF programs are designed to assist employers in building a skilled workforce of new and incumbent employees to meet specific labor market needs; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Schools is committed to preparing students for high-demand careers through Career and Technical Education (CTE) pathways; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan East High School currently operates the "Teaching as a Profession" (TAP) program, a critical pipeline for developing future educators within our community; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has been awarded \$10,000.00 in SAEF funding through the First Tennessee Development District to support students participating in the Teaching as a Profession program at Sullivan East High School; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be utilized to provide stipends to students who are participating in the TAP program and serving in local elementary schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 19th day of March, 2026, that the sum of \$10,000.00 be accepted from the First Tennessee Development District through the SAEF Grant and the General Purpose School Fund budget be amended as follows to appropriate said funds:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46790	Other Vocational Grants	+10,000.00
71300-189	Other Salaries & Wages	+9,290.00
71300-201	Social Security Tax	+576.00
71300-212	Employer Medicare	+134.00

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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 ____ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed 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

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

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

ACTIONS:

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Item 04
Resolution No. 2026-03-03

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of March 2026.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$20,000 IN TENNESSEE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (TYEP) GRANT FUNDS FROM VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD), Workforce Services Division, and Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) support local efforts to increase youth employment through the Tennessee Youth Employment Program (TYEP); and

WHEREAS, the TYEP grant is a strategic initiative designed to lessen the effects of poverty and ensure that youth with disabilities gain valuable work experience and develop productive workplace habits to prepare them for future careers; and

WHEREAS, this program specifically aims to expand opportunities for teens and young adults with disabilities who might otherwise struggle to find gainful employment; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education has been awarded \$20,000.00 in TYEP grant funding through the First Tennessee Development District to support student employment initiatives; and

WHEREAS, these funds will be utilized to provide stipends for students in the Work Based Learning program who are working within Sullivan County Schools; and

WHEREAS, this initiative will allow students to build essential job skills in real-world environments while receiving financial compensation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 19th day of March, 2026, that the sum of \$20,000.00 be accepted from the Tennessee Youth Employment Program and Vocational Rehabilitation and amended as follows to appropriate said funds:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46790	Other Vocational Grants	+20,000.00
71300-189	Other Salaries & Wages	+18,579.00
71300-201	Social Security Tax	+1,152.00
71300-212	Employer Medicare	+269.00

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 ___ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed 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

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk
Venable, County Mayor

Approve: _____
Richard S.

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

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Item 05
Resolution No. 2026-03-04

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of March 2026.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE \$130,638 IN GEAR UP GRANT FUNDS FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Schools has entered into an agreement with East Tennessee State University (ETSU) to participate in the GEAR UP project, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the GEAR UP project is a strategic initiative designed to increase the number of students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County Schools will receive annual funding to provide comprehensive student and family programming, including college visits, career exploration, academic support, and FAFSA workshops; and

WHEREAS, this funding will also support professional development for faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Education and ETSU have allocated **\$130,638.00** for Year 1 (FY26) of the grant to Sullivan County Schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on this 19th day of March, 2026, that the sum of **\$130,638.00** be accepted from the GEAR UP Grant and amended as follows to appropriate said funds:

Account Number	Account Description	Amount
46790	Other Vocational Grants	+130,638.00
71300-355	Local Travel	\$ 5,000.00
71300-429	Instructional Supp & Mtls	\$ 23,638.00
71300-449	Textbooks	\$ 10,000.00
71300-471	Software	\$ 15,000.00
71300-730	Instructional Equipment	\$ 15,000.00
72130-189	Other Salaries & Wages	\$ 10,287.00
72130-201	Social Security	\$ 638.00
72130-204	Retirement	\$ 925.84

72130-212	Medicare	\$ 149.16
72130-315	Contracts with Bus Owners	\$ 20,000.00
72130-524	Staff Development	\$ 15,000.00
72230-355	District Travel	\$ 15,000.00

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 ____ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed 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

Attest: _____
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
 Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

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

ACTIONS:

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Item 06
Resolution No. 2026-03-05

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of March 2026.

RESOLUTION to Recognize an Amendment to the FY 2026 Innovative School Models (ISM) Grant Funds in the General Purpose School Fund

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Board of Education and the Sullivan County Board of County Commissioners approved in their August sessions a resolution recognizing the Innovative School Models 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 \$710,594.76; 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
71100-722-717	Regular Instruction Equip	+6,300.00
71300-429-717	Instructional Supplies & Mtls	-20,300.00
71300-730-717	Vocational Instruction Equip	+17,000.00
72230-399-717	Other Contracted Services	+8,000.00
76100-706-717	Building Construction	-25,000.00
76100-707-717	Building Improvements	+14,000.00

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 ____ 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 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

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

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

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Item 07
Resolution No. 2026-03-06

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of March 2026.

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION (TDEC) FOR THE HURRICANE HELENE SOLID WASTE AND DEBRIS MANAGEMENT GRANT

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) has made available funding through the **Hurricane Helene Solid Waste and Debris Management Grant** to assist local governments with strengthening solid waste infrastructure and improving preparedness and response capabilities for future disaster events; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County recognizes the importance of maintaining a resilient and efficient solid waste management system capable of responding to increased debris and waste streams generated during natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, funding from this program may be used to support infrastructure and equipment improvements that enhance disaster preparedness and operational efficiency at solid waste facilities, including but not limited to paving, fencing, roll-off containers, and basic equipment ; and

WHEREAS, the Hurricane Helene Solid Waste and Debris Management Grant is a **non-matching grant**, allowing Sullivan County to apply for and receive funding without the requirement of local matching funds; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County intends to apply for funding in the amount of **Three Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Forty-Two Dollars and Eighty-Six Cents (\$357,142.86)** to support improvements and equipment that will strengthen the County's ability to mitigate the impacts of future disaster events and manage debris efficiently; and

WHEREAS, upon award of the grant, the **Sullivan County Finance Department will assign the appropriate accounting codes** to properly receive, track, and appropriate the grant funds in accordance with County financial policies and procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Commission meeting in regular session this ____ day of _____, 2026:

1. Sullivan County is hereby authorized to **apply for funding from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) through the Hurricane Helene Solid Waste and Debris Management Grant Program.**
2. If awarded, Sullivan County is authorized to **accept the grant in the amount of up to \$357,142.86**, with the understanding that the grant **requires no local matching funds.**
3. The grant funds are hereby **appropriated for eligible solid waste infrastructure and equipment improvements** intended to enhance disaster preparedness and debris management capabilities, including but not limited to paving, fencing, roll-off containers, and basic equipment.

4. The **Sullivan County Finance Department is authorized to assign the necessary accounting codes** and administer the financial aspects of this grant in accordance with County policies.
5. The **County Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary** to complete the application process, accept the grant if awarded, and implement the program.

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

Duly adopted ___ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed 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

Attest: _____
 Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
 Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsor- Dwight King
 Co-Sponsor- Hershel Glover

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Item 08
Resolution No. 2026-03-07

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of March 2026.

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HEALTHY BUILT ENVIRONMENT GRANT PROGRAM (RFA #34301-17626) IN THE PHASE B – INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CATEGORY FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL COURTS AT SULLIVAN HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Health administers the Healthy Built Environment Grant Program to support projects that improve community health by creating or enhancing built environments that encourage physical activity, community resilience, and public health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Phase B – Infrastructure Design and Construction category of this program provides funding of up to Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) for projects that increase access to safe opportunities for physical activity through the design and construction of publicly accessible infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County proposes to revitalize the existing tennis courts located at Sullivan Heights Middle School in the Colonial Heights community by converting the aging courts into modern, multi-use tennis and pickleball courts that will serve both students and the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, the project will transform an underutilized recreational facility into a safe and accessible space that promotes active living, encourages outdoor recreation, and supports improved physical and mental health outcomes for residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the revitalized courts will support school wellness initiatives during the school day while remaining available to the public during evenings, weekends, and school breaks, thereby maximizing the use of existing public infrastructure and strengthening community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County desires to submit an application to the Tennessee Department of Health requesting funding in an amount not to exceed Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) under the Healthy Built Environment Grant Program, Phase B – Infrastructure Design and Construction category, to support the design and construction associated with the court revitalization project; and

WHEREAS, this funding opportunity is a reimbursable grant, meaning Sullivan County will incur eligible project expenses and request reimbursement from the Tennessee Department of Health upon completion and submission of proper documentation; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the Sullivan County Finance Department will establish and assign appropriate account codes to properly administer and track all grant revenues and expenditures associated with the project.

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

- 1. The County Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to apply for funding through the Tennessee Department of Health Healthy Built Environment Grant Program (RFA #34301-17626) in the Phase B – Infrastructure Design and Construction category for the Sullivan Heights Middle School tennis and pickleball court revitalization project.
- 2. If the grant is awarded, the County Mayor is authorized to accept the grant on behalf of Sullivan County and to execute any documents necessary to carry out the purposes of the grant in accordance with applicable state and federal requirements.
- 3. Grant funds in an amount up to Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) are hereby appropriated for the purpose of completing the infrastructure design and construction improvements associated with the tennis and pickleball court revitalization project.
- 4. The Sullivan County Finance Department shall assign the appropriate revenue and expenditure account codes necessary to properly administer the grant funds and ensure compliance with all financial reporting requirements.

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

Duly adopted ____ day of _____ 2026.

Reviewed 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

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson
Cosponsor: Commissioner Darlene Calton

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Item 09
Resolution No. 2026-03-08

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Mayor of Sullivan County, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of March 2026.

RESOLUTION TO DEDICATE THE PETTY JOHN ROAD BRIDGE IN HONOR OF CLP DONALD R. GONCE, USMC

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission recognizes the importance of honoring individuals whose service and sacrifice have made a lasting impact on the citizens and communities of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Donald R. Gonce served honorably in the United States Marine Corps, demonstrating courage, dedication, and commitment to defending the freedoms of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Corporal Gonce continued to be a valued member of the local community, exemplifying the values of service, integrity, and patriotism; and forming Indian Springs Optimist Club, which is coming upon its 40th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission finds it fitting and appropriate to recognize the life, service and legacy of Corporal Donald R. Gonce by dedicating a bridge in his honor so that future generations may remember his commitment to both country and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Sullivan County Commission, meeting in regular session on the ____ day of _____, 2026:

- 1) The bridge located on Petty John Road in Sullivan County, Tennessee, shall be designated as the “CLP Donald R. Gonce, USMC Memorial Bridge.”
- 2) Appropriate signage shall be installed identifying the bridge as the “CLP Donald R. Gonce, USMC Memorial Bridge.”
- 3) The Clerk of the Sullivan County Commission shall forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Tennessee Department of Transportation and any other appropriate agencies for coordination of signage and recognition.
- 4) This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly adopted ____ 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

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsor: Commissioner Jessica Means
Cosponsors: Commissioner Travis Ward; Commissioner Zane Vanover

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
246th Annual Session

Item 10
Resolution No. 2026-03-09

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of March 2026.

RESOLUTION FOR CONTINUATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRSTDUE SOFTWARE FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND RESCUE SQUADS.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County relies on dedicated volunteer fire departments and rescue squads to provide critical emergency response services to the residents and visitors of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, effective coordination, documentation, and management of volunteer emergency services is essential for operational readiness, compliance with training requirements, incident reporting, and resource management; and

WHEREAS, the FirstDue Software platform provides centralized digital solution tracking, personnel records, response reporting, scheduling, and administrative functions for volunteer fire and rescue agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Software was initially purchased by Sullivan County utilizing ARPA funding for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year to bring all volunteer fire departments and rescue squads onto one singular software platform, managed by the Sullivan County Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, implementation of such software will improve operational efficiency, enhance accountability and strengthen coordination between volunteer fire departments, rescue squads and the Sullivan County Emergency Management Agency; and

WHEREAS, the continuation of the software will provide long-term benefits in improving data management, reporting capabilities, and operational preparedness for emergency response organizations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session on the 19th day of March 2026 hereby approve allocating the funds to continue the operations within Firstdue up to the amount of \$53,135.37 for the FY2627 budget year. Account Codes to be assigned by the Director of Accounts and Budgets.

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

Duly adopted ____ 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 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

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover
Cosponsors: Commissioner Hershel Glover; Commissioner Jessica Means
ACTIONS: