

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

**COUNTY COMMISSION REZONING HEARING & WORK SESSION**

- ❖ Call to Order by Sheriff Jeff Cassidy
- ❖ Chairman John Gardner presiding
- ❖ Invocation
- ❖ Pledge to the American Flag
- ❖ Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk

**Rezoning Hearing**

Item 1 Resolution No. 2026-02-01

Sponsors: Calton/Hayes

**RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ZONING PLAN: ZONING MAP OR THE ZONING RESOLUTION**

Case 1) Joseph Suder, 504 Price Road, Piney Flats, A-1 to R-1, to subdivide a plot smaller than one acre. 5<sup>th</sup> Commission District.

Public Hearing on Case #1/Suder

Vote on Case #1/Suder

Case 2) Jessica Sprague, 768 Warren Road, Piney Flats, A-1 to R-1, to subdivide a plot smaller than one acre. 5<sup>th</sup> Commission District.

Public Hearing on Case #2/Sprague

Vote on Case #2/Sprague

Case 3) Kenneth and Cathy Cooke, Whispering Hills Drive, Kingsport. A-1 to R-1, to allow group assembly and commercial outdoor recreation. 8<sup>th</sup> Commission District.

Public Hearing on Case #3/Cooke

Vote on Case #3/Cooke

**CONTINUED**

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**COUNTY COMMISSION REZONING HEARING & WORK SESSION**

**WORK SESSION**

- ❖ Public Hearing on non-agenda items.
- ❖ Public Hearing on agenda items.
- ❖ Review of Old Business/Drafts of Potential New Business
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Adjournment

Sullivan County  
*Board of County Commissioners*  
245th Annual Session  
**Rezoning Hearing**

Item 1  
Resolution No. 2026-02-01

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

**RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ZONING PLAN: ZONING MAP OR THE ZONING RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS the rezoning petition(s) have been duly initiated; have been before the appropriate Regional Planning Commission (recommendations enclosed); and shall receive a public hearing as required prior to final action from the County Commission; and

WHEREAS such rezoning petition(s) and/or the proposed text amendment(s) will require an amendment to the SULLIVAN COUNTY ZONING PLAN – Zoning Map or Zoning Resolution.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby consider rezoning petition(s) and/or the Zoning Resolution Text Amendment(s), conduct the appropriate public hearing as required by law, and vote upon the proposed amendment(s) individually, by roll call vote, and that the vote be valid and binding, and that any necessary amendments to the official zoning map or resolution code book be made by the Planning & Codes Department.**

All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 12th day of February, 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:  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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

**Introduced by: Commissioner Darlene Calton**  
**Seconded by: Commissioner David Hayes**

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Item 1 Resolution 2026-02-02

Sponsors: Glover/King

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2026 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.**

Item 2 Resolution 2026-02-03

Sponsors: Locke/Vanover

**TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ICE/ERO 287(g) PROGRAM.\***

Item 3 Resolution 2026-02-04

Sponsors: Locke/Vanover

**TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.\*\***

Item 4 Resolution 2026-02-05

Sponsors: Ward/Vanover

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM.**

Item 5 Resolution 2026-02-06

Sponsors: Glover/King

**TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (TSMP) FOR THE STATE ROUTE HIGHWAY 390 AT EGYPT ROAD INTERSECTION.\*\***

Item 6 Resolution 2026-02-07

Sponsors: Glover/King

**TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (TSMP) FOR THE 11E / PINEY FLATS INTERSECTION**

**CONTINUED**

Item 7 Resolution 2026-02-08

Sponsors: Cole/Cross

**RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE TO FUND AN ADDITIONAL \$800 SALARY SUPPLEMENT FOR POST CERTIFIED OFFICERS THAT ARE PLACED IN THE ROLE OF SCHOOL RESOURCE**

**OFFICERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,400 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 WITH NO MATCHING FUNDS.**

Item 8 Resolution 2026-02-09

Sponsors: King/Glover

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$300,000 FROM THE SOLID WASTE GENERAL FUND TO THE SOLID WASTE 300 ACCOUNT.**

Item 9 Resolution 2026-02-10

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Gardner

**RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS 1321 IVORY STREET TAX MAP 076A/A/032.00.**

Item 10 Resolution 2026-02-11

Sponsors: Harvey/Vanover

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN ADVANCED PAYMENT POLICY FOR PROPERTY TAXES IN THE OFFICE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE.**

Item 11 Resolution 2026-02-12

Sponsors: Means/Calton

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$139,708 FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE'S PRE-TRIAL SERVICES PROGRAM.**

Item 12 Resolution 2026-02-13

Sponsors: Ward/Means

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

Item 13 Resolution 2026-02-14

Sponsors: Ward/Means

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

Item 14 Resolution 2026-02-15

Sponsors: Ireson/Crosswhite

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDNG (MOU) BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND THE TOWN OF MOUNT CARMEL, TENNESSEE, REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RECYCLING MATERIAL.**

Item 15 Resolution 2026-02-16

Sponsors: Ireson/Crosswhite

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDNG (MOU) BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RECYCLING MATERIAL.**

Item 16 Resolution 2026-02-17

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Cole

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON RIVERSIDE ROAD.**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**246th Annual Session**

Item 1  
Resolution No. 2026-02-02

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FY 2026 SULLIVAN COUNTY LITTER GRANT.**

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has awarded Sullivan County a Governmental Grant Contract for the FY 2026 Sullivan County Litter Grant, for the purpose of litter pickup and litter prevention education activities; and

WHEREAS, the grant contract is effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, and provides funding in the total amount of Eighty-One Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$81,300.00); and

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

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

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

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

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

- 1) The Governmental Grant Contract between the Tennessee Department of Transportation and Sullivan County for the FY 2026 Sullivan County Litter Grant, in the amount of \$81,300.00, is hereby accepted.
- 2) The sum of \$81,300.00 is hereby appropriated to the appropriate county fund and budget line items for the purposes outlined in the grant contract, subject to reimbursement procedures and grant compliance requirements.
- 3) The County Mayor, County Finance Director, and other appropriate officials are hereby authorized to execute any documents and take any actions necessary to implement this resolution and administer the grant in accordance with state and local requirements.
- 4) this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the public welfare requiring it.

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Item 1

Resolution No. 2026-02-02

Duly adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

Reviewed 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:  
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Mayor, Sullivan County

**Sponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover**  
**Co-Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**246th Annual Session**

Item 2  
Resolution No. 2026-02-03

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

**TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ICE/ERO  
287(g) PROGRAM.\*\***

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), administers the ICE/ERO 287(g) Program pursuant to Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g), as amended by the Homeland Security Act of 2002, Public Law 107-296; and

WHEREAS, DHS has awarded funding under Agreement No. 70CDCR26PSA000083 to establish a 287(g) service agreement between ICE and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office (SCSO), Blountville, Tennessee, for specific immigration enforcement actions as directed by ICE under the ICE Task Force Model (TFM); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this award is to support participation in the ICE/ERO 287(g) Program, including the purchase of equipment necessary for operational enforcement activities conducted by trained and certified officers of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has been awarded One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000) from the United States Department of Homeland Security to be used for the purchase of one (1) up-fitted Ford F-150 vehicle and necessary equipment to support six (6) officers engaged in immigration enforcement activities under the 287(g) Task Force Model; and

WHEREAS, this award is direct funding, not reimbursable, requires no local match, and funds will be distributed directly to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of these funds will enhance public safety, support federal-local law enforcement cooperation, and strengthen Sullivan County's capacity to carry out lawful immigration enforcement activities in coordination with ICE;

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

1. The Sullivan County Commission hereby accepts funding in the amount of \$145,000 from the United States Department of Homeland Security under Agreement No. 70CDCR26PSA000083 for participation in the ICE/ERO 287(g) Program.
2. Said funds are hereby appropriated to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office for the purchase of one (1) up-fitted Ford F-150 vehicle and necessary equipment to support six (6) officers engaged in immigration enforcement activities under the ICE Task Force Model.

3. This award is not reimbursable, requires no local matching funds, and shall be expended in accordance with all applicable federal laws, program requirements, and the terms and conditions of the 287(g) agreement.

4. The County Mayor and all other appropriate county officials are hereby authorized to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to accept, appropriate, and implement this funding in compliance with program 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 this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

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

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

Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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

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

#### **ACTION BY MAYOR**

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

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

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Hunter Locke.  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover.

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
*Board of County Commissioners*  
**246th Annual Session**

Item 3  
Resolution No. 2026-02-04

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

**TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDING FROM THE  
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY FOR  
IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT SERVICES.\*\***

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, through the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Office of Homeland Security, administers the Immigration Enforcement Grant Program to support eligible local governments and law enforcement agencies engaged in lawful immigration enforcement activities; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is an eligible recipient under this program and has entered into a Governmental Grant Contract with the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security for Grant Funding for Immigration Enforcement Services, identified as Agency Tracking Number 26IES09 and Edison ID 87539, with a contract term from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the total grant award under this contract is Sixty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$69,929.99) for State Fiscal Year 2026, with no federal, interdepartmental, or local matching funds required; and

WHEREAS, grant funds may be used solely for expenses directly related to immigration enforcement activities, including the purchase of law enforcement equipment, operational supplies, and capital purchases, as approved by the State's Chief Immigration Enforcement Officer and in accordance with the approved grant budget; and

WHEREAS, the approved grant budget includes funding for capital purchases in the amount of \$59,036.00, specifically for a police vehicle and upfit package with transport capability for 287(g) Task Force officers, along with allowable operational expenses; and

WHEREAS, the grant operates on a cost-reimbursement basis, requires adherence to all state procurement, reporting, audit, and inventory requirements, and does not obligate Sullivan County to provide any local financial match; and

WHEREAS, acceptance and appropriation of this funding will enhance public safety and support the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office in carrying out authorized immigration enforcement services in compliance with state and federal law.

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Item 3  
Resolution No. 2026-02-04

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

1. The Sullivan County Commission hereby approves the application for grant funding, accepts the award, and appropriates funding in the amount of \$69,929.99 from the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Office of Homeland Security, Immigration Enforcement Grant Program, for the contract period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
2. Said funds are hereby appropriated to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office to support immigration enforcement services, including the purchase of approved equipment, capital items, and related operational expenses in accordance with the executed grant contract and approved grant budget.
3. This grant requires no local matching funds and shall be administered as a cost-reimbursement grant, subject to all applicable state laws, policies, reporting requirements, audit provisions, and contractual obligations.
4. The County Mayor, Sheriff, and all other appropriate county officials are hereby authorized to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to apply for, accept, appropriate, and administer this grant in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the grant contract.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as 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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\_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk.

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Item 3  
Resolution No. 2026-02-04

## ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Hunter Locke  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**246th Annual Session**

Item 4  
Resolution No. 2026-02-05

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR,  
ACCEPT IF AWARDED, AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE AARP COMMUNITY  
CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission is committed to promoting public health, safety, and community resilience through proactive emergency preparedness and lifesaving education; and

WHEREAS, AARP offers the Community Challenge Grant Program to support quick-action projects that strengthen communities, including initiatives that enhance disaster preparedness and emergency response capacity; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County, through the Sullivan County Health Council, desires to apply for funding in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) under the AARP Community Challenge Grant Program in the category of Strengthening Disaster Resilience; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will provide hands-on CPR training to community members, improving lifesaving skills that are critical during emergencies and disaster events; and

WHEREAS, grant funds, if awarded, will be used for the purchase of CPR training mannequins, participant incentives to encourage community engagement, and an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to support training and emergency preparedness efforts; and

WHEREAS, this grant does not require a local financial match and is not a reimbursable grant, as awarded funds are provided via direct deposit upon execution of the grant agreement and completion of required administrative documentation; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this grant will not obligate Sullivan County to expend local funds beyond the amount awarded.

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

1. The Sullivan County Commission hereby authorizes the application to the AARP Community Challenge Grant Program for funding in an amount up to \$15,000.00 to support disaster resilience through hands-on CPR training and related equipment.
2. The Sullivan County Commission hereby authorizes acceptance of the grant, if awarded, and agrees to comply with all applicable terms, conditions, and reporting requirements of the grant program.

3. The Sullivan County Commission hereby appropriates the grant funds, if awarded, upon receipt via direct deposit, to the appropriate county budget line item(s) for use by the Sullivan County Health Council for the purchase of CPR mannequins, incentives, and an AED, in accordance with grant guidelines.

This resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as 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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\_\_\_\_\_  
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

#### ACTION BY MAYOR

Reviewed and ACCEPTED by Mayor, Sullivan County: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 Travis Ward**

**Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Sam Jones**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**246th Annual Session**

Item 5  
Resolution No. 2026-02-06

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

**TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL  
MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (TSMP) FOR THE STATE ROUTE HIGHWAY 390 AT  
EGYPT ROAD INTERSECTION.\*\***

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) administers the Traffic Signal Modernization Program (TSMP) to assist eligible local governments and traffic signal maintaining agencies with the modernization of existing traffic signal equipment and operations located on state routes; and

WHEREAS, the TSMP is a one hundred percent (100%) state-funded program requiring no local matching funds, with individual project awards capped at up to One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000); and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County is an eligible applicant under the TSMP program and has prepared and submitted a 2025 TSMP grant application for a traffic signal modernization project located at State Route Highway 390 at Egypt Road, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the application identifies the need to modernize aging traffic signal infrastructure through eligible improvements including vehicle detection upgrades, traffic signal equipment modernization, and related operational enhancements to improve traffic flow, reduce maintenance issues, and enhance roadway safety; and

WHEREAS, all TSMP-funded projects are designed and administered by TDOT staff or TDOT on-call consultants, and Sullivan County has agreed to enter into a local maintenance agreement with TDOT for the continued maintenance of the upgraded traffic signal equipment and to share applicable traffic signal information with the Tennessee Traffic Signal Users Group (TTSUG), as required by the program; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of TSMP funding will allow Sullivan County to make critical traffic safety and operational improvements at this intersection without the expenditure of local funds.

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

1. The Sullivan County Commission hereby approves the application under the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Traffic Signal Modernization Program (TSMP) for the traffic signal modernization project at State Route Highway 390 at Egypt Road.

2. The Sullivan County Commission hereby accepts any TSMP grant funds awarded, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000), to be used solely for eligible project costs approved by TDOT.
3. Said funds shall be appropriated to the Sullivan County Highway Department for project coordination, compliance, and ongoing maintenance responsibilities in accordance with TSMP requirements.
4. This project requires no local matching funds, and Sullivan County agrees to comply with all applicable grant conditions, reporting requirements, and long-term maintenance obligations associated with the TSMP award.

5. The County Mayor and other appropriate county officials are hereby authorized to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to apply for, accept, appropriate, and administer this TSMP grant 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.

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

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

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

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

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day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at or about the following time \_\_\_\_\_ by  
the following method:  
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Mayor, Sullivan County

**Sponsor: Commissioner Hershel Glover**  
**Cosponsor: Commissioner Dwight King**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**246th Annual Session**

Item 6  
Resolution No. 2026-02-07

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

**TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FROM THE TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION THROUGH THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL  
MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (TSMP) FOR THE 11E / PINEY FLATS  
INTERSECTION\*\***

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) administers the Traffic Signal Modernization Program (TSMP) to assist eligible local governments and traffic signal maintaining agencies with the modernization of existing traffic signal equipment and operations located on state routes; and

WHEREAS, the TSMP is a one hundred percent (100%) state-funded program requiring no local matching funds, with individual project awards capped at up to One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000); and

WHEREAS, Sullivan County is an eligible applicant under the TSMP program and has prepared and submitted a 2025 TSMP grant application for a traffic signal modernization project located at the 11E / Piney Flats intersection (Highway 390 at Silver Grove Road) along a TDOT-maintained state route; and

WHEREAS, the application identifies the need to modernize aging traffic signal infrastructure through eligible improvements including vehicle detection upgrades, traffic signal equipment modernization, and related operational enhancements to improve traffic flow, reduce maintenance issues, and enhance roadway safety; and

WHEREAS, all TSMP-funded projects are designed and administered by TDOT staff or TDOT on-call consultants, and Sullivan County has agreed to enter into a local maintenance agreement with TDOT for the continued maintenance of the upgraded traffic signal equipment and to share applicable traffic signal information with the Tennessee Traffic Signal Users Group (TTSUG), as required by the program; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of TSMP funding will allow Sullivan County to make critical traffic safety and operational improvements at this intersection without the expenditure of local funds;

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

1. The Sullivan County Commission hereby approves the application under the Tennessee Department of Transportation's Traffic Signal Modernization Program (TSMP) for the traffic signal modernization project at the 11E / Piney Flats (Highway 390 at Silver Grove Road) intersection.

2. The Sullivan County Commission hereby accepts any TSMP grant funds awarded, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000), to be used solely for eligible project costs approved by TDOT.

3. Said funds shall be appropriated to the Sullivan County Highway Department for project coordination, compliance, and ongoing maintenance responsibilities in accordance with TSMP requirements.

4. This project requires no local matching funds, and Sullivan County agrees to comply with all applicable grant conditions, reporting requirements, and long-term maintenance obligations associated with the TSMP award.

5. The County Mayor and other appropriate county officials are hereby authorized to execute all documents and take all actions necessary to apply for, accept, appropriate, and administer this TSMP grant 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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

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

**Sponsor: Commissioner Hershel Glover**  
**Cosponsor: Commissioner Dwight King**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
*Board of County Commissioners*  
**246th Annual Session**

Item 7  
Resolution No. 2026-02-08

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

**RESOLUTION To recognize and appropriate additional funds from the State of Tennessee to fund an additional \$800 Salary Supplement for Post Certified Officers that are placed in the role of School Resource Officers in the amount of \$10,400 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 with no matching funds.**

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee decided to provide an additional \$800 salary supplement for Post Certified Officers in the role of School Resource Officers; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office only budgets for one salary supplement in the original approved budget; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office is requesting that the funds already paid to Sullivan County (101 R 48140) be appropriated to the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office payroll accounts to cover the cost of the additional \$800 Salary Supplement for Post Certified Officers.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby approve, to recognize, and appropriate \$10,400 of additional funding from the State of Tennessee to the Sullivan County Sheriff's office to fund the additional Salary Supplement for Post Certified Officers in the role of School Resource Officers.**

**Revenue Account: 101 R 48140  
Expenditure Account: 101 E 54110 100      \$10,400.00**

***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

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.

Item 7  
Resolution No. 2026-02-08

## ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

**Sponsor: Commissioner Michael Cole**  
**Cosponsor: Commissioner Andrew Cross**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**246th Annual Session**

Item 8  
Resolution No. 2026-02-09

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

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$300,000 FROM THE SOLID WASTE GENERAL FUND TO THE SOLID WASTE 300 ACCOUNT.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Solid Waste Department operates the Kingsport and Bristol Transfer Stations for the purpose of providing efficient and accessible waste disposal services to the citizens of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, following the reopening of the two remodeled transfer stations, the department has experienced a significant increase in public usage and overall waste intake; and

WHEREAS, the increased volume of waste has resulted in a substantial rise in landfill disposal costs paid through the Solid Waste 300 account to Waste Management; and

WHEREAS, the increased landfill activity has fully depleted the balance of the Solid Waste 300 account; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available within the Solid Waste Fund Balance to support continued operations without negatively impacting departmental services; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer additional funds to ensure landfill disposal costs are covered for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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

1. The Sullivan County Commission hereby authorizes the transfer of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) from the Solid Waste Fund Balance to the Solid Waste 300 account.
2. Said transfer shall be used exclusively to cover landfill disposal fees for the remainder of the current fiscal year.
3. This action supports the continued operation of the Kingsport and Bristol Transfer Stations and ensures uninterrupted service to the citizens of Sullivan County.

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

Duly adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 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

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

**Sponsor: Commissioner Dwight King**  
**Cosponsor: Commissioner Hershel Glover**

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
*Board of County Commissioners*  
**246th Annual Session**

Item 9  
Resolution No. 2026-02-10

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

**RESOLUTION TO SELL COUNTY OWNED DELINQUENT TAX PROPERTY  
IDENTIFIED AS 1321 IVORY STREET TAX MAP 076A/A/032.00.**

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

WHEREAS, the current amount owed against the properties is \$ 4,591.77 for the parcel; and

WHEREAS, a bid in the amount of \$200.00 has been received from Rebecca Frazier on the parcels; 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 1321 Ivory Street Tax Map 076A/A/032.00; to Rebecca Frazier 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 adopted 19th day of February 2026.

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: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite  
Cosponsors: Commissioner John Gardner

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
*Board of County Commissioners*  
**246th Annual Session**

Item 10  
Resolution No. 2026-02-11

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

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH AN ADVANCED PAYMENT POLICY FOR PROPERTY TAXES IN THE OFFICE OF SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE.**

WHEREAS one of the primary responsibilities of the Sullivan County Trustee is to collect property taxes from taxpayers throughout Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS taxpayers have requested the ability to make advanced payments toward their property taxes before the tax rate for the current year is established; and

WHEREAS an Advanced Payment Policy will establish procedures for accepting and processing partial payments received before date the property tax rate for the current year is established and tax roll loaded into Trustee software; and

WHEREAS annually the Sullivan County Trustee will offer taxpayers an opportunity to sign up for ACH advanced payments based on their prior year taxes; and

WHEREAS each year February 15 will be the deadline for ACH sign up; and monthly payments will commence in March with the final payment for the tax year being the following February; and

WHEREAS the taxpayer will have the option to adjust the monthly payment amount once the County tax rate has been established and the tax roll loaded to Trustee software or the option of keeping the existing payment with an adjustment to the final payment in February of each year; and

WHEREAS the Trustee, Angela Taylor, has received approval from the Comptroller's Office to implement this plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves the establishment of an Advanced Payment Policy as established with the State Comptroller's Office for the office of the Sullivan County Trustee.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED The Advanced Payment Policy shall provide:

SECTION 1: Any partial payment of property taxes for the current year which is received before the tax roll is loaded into Trustee software for the current year shall be deposited into Liability Account #28311, "Undistributed Taxes Paid in Advance."

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SECTION 2: Any partial payment of property taxes for the then current year which is received after the tax roll is loaded into the Trustee software shall be deposited into Revenue Account #40110, "Current Property Taxes."

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

Duly adopted 19th day of February 2026.

Reviewed 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 Zane Vanover; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner Mark Ireson.

***SULLIVAN COUNTY  
Board of County Commissioners  
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Item 11  
Resolution No. 2026-02-12

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

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$139,708 FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE'S PRE-TRIAL SERVICES PROGRAM.**

Whereas, the Pre-trial Services Program of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has proved a vital asset in the county's ongoing struggle to fight the financial and human costs caused by drug addiction on our community; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Opioid Advisory Committee received and reviewed a request from the SCSO Pre-trial Service Program for \$139,708 in funding for the program; and

WHEREAS, the Opioid Advisory Committee voted to recommend to the full Sullivan County Commission that the request be funded.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session, approves appropriation of \$139,708 from the county's Opioid Settlement Fund account to the SCSO's Pre-trial Services Program.

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 19th day of February 2026.

Reviewed 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: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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Item 11  
Resolution No. 2026-02-12

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

Delivered to the 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 Jessica Means  
Cosponsors: Darlene Calton; Commissioner Archie Pierce; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite.

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
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Item 12  
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 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$544,900 FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND TO PURCHASE THE “SNAPP-FAIN” HOUSE PROPERTY INCLUDNG 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 19th day of February 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 Jessica Means; Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner Archie Pierce; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite.

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**246th Annual Session**

Item 13  
Resolution No. 2026-02-14

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

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE \$513,700 FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND TO SULLIVAN COUNTY RESTORATION.**

Whereas, Sullivan County's Opioid Advisory Committee received and reviewed a funding request from Families Free seeking \$513,700 to establish and operate Sullivan County Women's Recovery Home; and

Whereas, the committee voted to recommend approval of the request by the full Sullivan County Commission.

THEREFORE, NOW BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in regular session, approves appropriation of \$513,700 from the county's Opioid Settlement Fund account to Families Free for the purposes stated above.

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 19th day of February 2026.

Reviewed 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

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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

Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Jessica Means; Commissioner Darlene Calton; Commissioner Archie  
Pierce; Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite.

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**246th Annual Session**

Item 14  
Resolution No. 2026-02-15

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)  
BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND THE TOWN OF MOUNT  
CARMEL, TENNESSEE, REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RECYCLING MATERIAL.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Solid Waste Department wishes to increase its availability of revenue-producing recyclable materials; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Carmel, Tennessee, wishes to enter into an agreement to send recyclable materials collected within its jurisdiction to Sullivan County Solid Waste; and

WHEREAS, the term of the MOU (attached) shall end on December 1, 2027 or until termination by either party with 30 days notice; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in Regular Session, authorize Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Mount Carmel, Tennessee.

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 19th day of February 2026.

Reviewed 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

**CONTINUED**

ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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

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

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson

Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Michael Cole.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**Between Sullivan County Solid Waste and Town of Mount Carmel, Tennessee**  
**Regarding Acceptance of Recycling Material**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2025, by and between:

- **Sullivan County Solid Waste**, with offices located at 994 Cross Community Rd. Blountville, TN 37617 ("Receiving County"), and
- **The Town of Mount Carmel, TN** with offices located at 100 Main Street E., Mount Carmel, TN 37645 ("Sender").

**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this MOU is to establish the terms and conditions under which the Receiving County will accept recyclable materials from the Sender for processing and/or disposal at Sullivan County Recycling Facility, located at 999 Cross Community Rd. Blountville, TN 37617.

**2. Scope of Agreement**

This MOU applies solely to recyclable materials as defined in Section 4 of this agreement. This does not constitute acceptance of any hazardous, non-recyclable, or solid waste materials outside the scope of mutually agreed recyclable items.

**3. Term**

This MOU shall commence on December 1, 2025 and remain in effect until December 1, 2027 or until terminated by either party with thirty (30) days' written notice.

**4. Accepted Materials**

Recyclable materials covered by this MOU include (but are not limited to):

- Paper and cardboard
- Plastics #1 through #7
- Aluminum and steel cans
- Other mutually agreed recyclable commodities.

All materials must be properly sorted and uncontaminated. Contaminated loads may be rejected or subject to fees.

**5. Responsibilities of the Sender**

- Ensure materials are pre-sorted and meet contamination thresholds set by the Receiving County.
- Maintain the recycling containers and keep the surrounding area clean and orderly.

## **6. Responsibilities of the Receiving County**

- Provide recycling containers to Sender.
- Transport recyclable materials to the designated facility.
- Accept and process the recyclable materials as agreed.
- Maintain proper records of received materials.
- Notify the Sender of any contamination issues or rejected loads.
- Provide monthly reports detailing volumes and types of material delivered.

## **7. Fees and Payment**

No fees will be imposed at this time.

## **8. Compliance with Laws**

Both parties agree to comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations concerning waste management, recycling, and transportation.

## **9. Indemnification**

Each party shall indemnify and hold harmless the other from any claims, damages, or liabilities arising from its own negligence or willful misconduct related to this MOU.

## **10. Termination**

This MOU may be terminated by either party with thirty (30) days' written notice, or immediately in the case of a material breach.

## **11. Amendments**

This MOU may be amended only in writing and signed by both parties.

## **12. Entire Agreement**

This MOU constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, whether written or oral.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have executed this MOU on the dates set forth below:

### **Sullivan County Solid Waste**

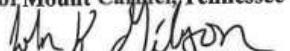
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Town of Mount Carmel, Tennessee**

By: 

Name: John K. Gibson

Title: Mayor

Date: 11/20/2025

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
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Item 15  
Resolution No. 2026-02-16

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

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)  
BETWEEN SULLIVAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA,  
REGARDING ACCEPTANCE OF RECYCLING MATERIAL.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Solid Waste Department wishes to increase its availability of revenue-producing recyclable materials; and

WHEREAS, Wise County, Virginia, wishes to enter into an agreement to send recyclable materials collected within its jurisdiction to Sullivan County Solid Waste.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, meeting in Regular Session, authorize Sullivan County Solid Waste to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with Wise County, Virginia.

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 19th day of February 2026.

Reviewed 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: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

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ACTION BY MAYOR

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

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

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\_\_\_\_\_.

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Mark Ireson  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite; Commissioner Michael Cole.

**SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**246th Annual Session**

Item 16  
Resolution No. 2026-02-17

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

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON RIVERSIDE ROAD.**

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Highway Department and members of the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners have requested numerous requests for designation of a uniform speed limit of 25 miles per hour on Riverside Road, which runs between Silver Grove Road and Old Weaver Pike near Bluff City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County, meeting in regular session, hereby requests the Sullivan County Highway Department to install signage indicating a 25 miles per hour speed limit on Riverside Road.

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 19th day of February 2026.

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite  
Cosponsors: Commissioner Michael Cole; Commissioner David Hayes; Commissioner Tony  
Leonard; Commissioner Hershel Glover; Commissioner Dwight King.