

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
August 8, 2024
6:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION and REZONING REQUESTS PUBLIC HEARING MEETING AGENDA

- ❖ Mayor/Chairman Richard S. Venable presiding.
- ❖ Invocation.
- ❖ Pledge to the American Flag.
- ❖ Roll Call by Teresa Jacobs, Sullivan County Clerk.
- ❖ Public Hearing and Commission Vote for Rezoning Requests and/or Zoning Text Amendments.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 Resolution No. 2024-08-01

Sponsors: Calton/ Gardner

RESOLUTION To Consider Amendment(s) To the Sullivan County Zoning Plan: Zoning Map Or The Zoning Resolution.

- William Rowland. Request: R-3/B-3 to all B-3. Commission District 7.
Tax Map: 107; Parcel: 026.15; Location: 3500 Hwy. 75.

Public Comment on Rowland request.

- ❖ Public Comment (Not zoning related)
- ❖ Review of Regular Meeting Agenda
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Adjournment



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Item 1
Resolution No. 2024-08-01

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 8th day of August 2024.

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All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.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 9th day of August 2024.

Attested: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approved _____
Richard S. Venable, Mayor

**Introduced by: Commissioner Darlene Calton
Seconded by: Commissioner John Gardner**

2024-07-01 ACTIONS: INTRODUCED AT REZONING REQUESTS PUBLIC HEARING MEETING, August 8, 2024 for vote.



RESOLUTIONS

August 15, 2024

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 Resolution No. 2024-08-02

Sponsors: Vanover/Means

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE VACATING AND QUITCLAIMING BYRD STREET TO BLOOMINGDALE UTILITY DISTRICT.

Item 2 Resolution No. 2024-08-03

Sponsors: Vanover/Means

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE VACATING AND QUITCLAIMING EXCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY TO FRANK AND TAMMY CANNON, HOMEOWNERS OF 397 OLINGER DRIVE.

Item 3 Resolution No. 2024-08-04

Sponsors: Locke/Gardner

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A POLICY FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PARTIAL PAYMENTS OF PROERPTY TAXES IN THE OFFICE OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE.

Item 4 Resolution No. 2024-08-05

Sponsors: Stidham/Locke

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE USE OF VISUAL SURVEILLANCE DEVICES TO ENHANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT IN SULLIVAN COUNTY AND FUNDING OF THESE VISUAL SURVEILLANCE DEVICES.

Item 5 Resolution No. 2024-08-06

Sponsors: Stidham/Ward

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A TASER 7 BASIC BUNDLE PLAN AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. IN SCOTTSDALE, AZ TO FURNISH THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WITH TASERS, HOLSTERS, AND CARTRIDGES.



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Item 1
Resolution No. 2024-08-02

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of August 2024.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE VACATING AND QUITCLAIMING BYRD STREET TO BLOOMINGDALE UTILITY DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission, during their regular meeting held on July 16, 2024, reviewed, and recommended for the closure of Byrd Street as requested by the Bloomingdale Utility District, and

WHEREAS, Byrd Street is a one-block length county road between Bloomingdale Road and Van Horn Street in which the Bloomingdale Utility District owns both sides of the road right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the proposed right-of-way closure of being 0.146 of an acre as illustrated on a survey dated May 23, 2024 as prepared by Matthew Strickler, a registered land surveyor; and

WHEREAS, this property is located within the 10th Civil District and the 6th Commission District; and

WHEREAS, this request has been reviewed by the Sullivan County Highway Commissioner's office, Planning Director, 911-Addressing Department, the Bloomingdale Utility District Manager's office to ensure compliance with the Sullivan County Subdivision Regulations as well as utility easements properly identified on the final plat.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby abandons 0.146 of an acre of Byrd Street right-of-way and authorizes the County Attorney to draft the appropriate quitclaim deed to the applicant, Bloomingdale Utility District.

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

Waiver of Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2024.

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored by: Zane Vanover

Co-Sponsors: Jessica Means, Daniel Horne, Darlene Calton

2024-08-02 ACTION: Introduced at Work Session on August 8, 2024.



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Item 2
Resolution No. 2024-08-03

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of August 2024.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE VACATING AND QUITCLAIMING EXCESS RIGHT-OF-WAY TO FRANK AND TAMMY CANNON, HOMEOWNERS OF 397 OLINGER DRIVE.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Regional Planning Commission reviewed and recommended for the request to close this particular portion of excess right-of-way directly in front of 397 Olinger Drive, during their regular meeting held on July 16, 2024 and

WHEREAS, the original subdivision plat, found in Plat Book 2, Page 2A, dedicated the right-of-way as being straight across the Cannon's property rather than curved and therefore the plat of record does not match the actual built roadway being maintained by the Sullivan County Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, the tax map follows the original deed and plat of record; however, the road maintenance and utilities follow the existing paved curved roadway (see aerial image); and

WHEREAS, the proposed right-of-way closure of being only 0.170 of an acre in area, is illustrated on the most recent survey dated May 3, 2024, as prepared by Charles J. Wells, a registered land surveyor; and

WHEREAS, this property is located within the 10th Civil District and the 6th Commission District; and

WHEREAS, this request has been reviewed by the Sullivan County Highway Commissioner's office, Planning Director, 911-Addressing Department, the Bloomingdale Utility District Manager's office to ensure compliance with the Sullivan County Subdivision Regulations as well as utility easements properly identified on the final plat.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby abandons 0.170 of an acre of Excess Right-of-Way located directly in front of 397 Olinger Drive, and authorizes the County Attorney to draft the appropriate quitclaim deed to the applicants, Frank and Tammy Cannon.

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

Waiver of Rules Requested

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2024.

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor



Sponsored by: Commissioners: Vanover
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Means, Horne, Calton

2024-03-03 ACTION: Introduced at Work Session on August 8, 2024.



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Item 3
Resolution No. 2024-08-04

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of August 2024.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A POLICY FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PARTIAL PAYMENTS OF PROERPTY TAXES IN THE OFFICE OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY TRUSTEE.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Trustee’s Office has accepted partial payments of property taxes since 2018; however, Sullivan County has not previously established a written partial payment policy; and,

WHEREAS, Angela Taylor, Sullivan County Trustee, wishes to establish a partial payment policy for the benefit and to serve the best interests of the taxpayers of Sullivan County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby approves that the Sullivan County Trustee may accept partial payments on current and prior year taxes.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sullivan County Trustee will apply payment initially against the prior year (delinquent) property taxes when the current year property taxes have been billed, but prior year taxes remain unpaid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said partial payment of taxes will not affect the turnover of prior year taxes to the Clerk & Master annually.

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2024.

Attest: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk

Approve: _____
Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored By: Commissioner Hunter Locke
Co-Sponsor: Commissioners John Gardner

2024-08-04 ACTIONS: Introduced at Work Session on August 8, 2024.



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Item 4
Resolution No. 2024-08-05

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of August 2024.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE USE OF VISUAL SURVEILLANCE DEVICES TO ENHANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT IN SULLIVAN COUNTY AND FUNDING OF THESE VISUAL SURVEILLANCE DEVICES.

WHEREAS, the use of visual monitoring devices has provided a tool for law enforcement to apprehend suspects and criminals and the monitoring of neighborhoods and thorough fares has resulted in the capture and prosecution of individuals for crimes in Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, this allows law enforcement to utilize their resources and time more effectively to provide protection of Sullivan County residents; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has a program to install visual surveillance devices and needs a document of support; and Sullivan County will install visual surveillance devices from a company named Flock Safety Security Cameras which will be beneficial to the security of all residents; and

WHEREAS, the cost to install and utilize these visual surveillance devices for the protection of our citizens will cost \$34,000 in year one with an annual maintenance fee of \$30,000 starting year two; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's office will use Drug Funds to pay for the first year of cost and requests the Sullivan County Commission approve funding to start year two (FY-25-26) to cover annual maintenance cost going forward in the amount of \$30,000.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, endorses the use of visual surveillance devices, particularly those produced by Flock Safety Security, on state and county roads and in the neighborhoods of Sullivan County to enhance the security and protection of all the citizens. Also, the Board of County Commissioners approve the funding of \$30,000 annually to cover the cost of maintenance fees on these camera's starting FY 25-26.

Waiver of Rules Requested

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

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2024.

Attested: _____ Approved: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk Richard Venable, County Mayor

Sponsor: Gary Stidham
Prime Co-Sponsor(s): Hunter Locke



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Item 5
Resolution No. 2024-08-06

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 15th day of August 2024.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SULLIVAN COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT TO ENTER INTO A TASER 7 BASIC BUNDLE PLAN AGREEMENT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. IN SCOTTSDALE, AZ TO FURNISH THE SULLIVAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WITH TASERS, HOLSTERS, AND CARTRIDGES.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Offices contract with Axon Enterprise, Inc to supply the County with Tasers and Cartridges ended in June of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office desires to equip, issue, and certify Officers with Tasers and Cartridges; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office contacted Axon Enterprise, Inc and discussed their exclusive product and the best Package Plan offered to suit Sullivan County Law Enforcement needs; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has determined the Taser 7 Basic Bundle Package Plan, which provides Tasers with a 5-year warranty, a quick replacement program for damaged Tasers at no additional cost, an equipment trade-in program at the end of 5 years, Holsters, and Cartridges to be paid in Installments over 5 years to be the best option; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office desires to lease 80 Taser 7's with Holster and Cartridges from Axon Enterprise, Inc. under the Taser 7 Basic Bundle Package Plan.

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office currently budgets \$23,280 for Tasers; therefore, we are requesting that the Sullivan County Commission help find funding for the remaining increase in cost over the next 5 years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session, hereby authorize the Sullivan County Purchasing Agent to execute an agreement to lease eighty (80) Tasers with accessories @ \$47,383.94 the first year and \$65,313.36 for the four remaining fiscal years totaling \$308,637.38 with Axon Enterprise, Inc. as recommended by the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office, expiring 2028.

The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will be requesting additional funding in FY 24-25 of \$24,103.94 and additional funding each of the following 4 fiscal years of \$42,033.36 per year until 2028.

WAIVER OF RULES REQUESTED



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

Duly passed and approved this _____ day of _____ 2024.

Attested: _____ Approved: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Clerk Richard S. Venable, County Mayor

Sponsored by: Commissioner Gary Stidham
Prime Co-Sponsor: Commissioner Travis Ward

2024-08-06 Actions: Introduced at Work Session on August 8, 2024, waiver of rules requested.

