

SULLIVAN COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners
November 14, 2024
6:00 p.m.

COUNTY COMMISSION REZONING HEARING

- ❖ Call to Order
- ❖ Chairman John Gardner 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.

Item 1 Resolution No. 2024-11-01

Sponsors: Calton/ Gardner

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

- Case #1: Daniel V. Davis, doing business as 3Teas, LLC on behalf of Preston H. Taylor, Jr., 3725 Sullivan Gardens Parkway, Kingsport, Tenn., 37660, A-1 to PMD-2 (Agriculture to Heavy Manufacturing Rock Quarry/Burrow Site), Commission District 8'

Public Comment on Davis Request

- ❖ Vote on Davis Request
- ❖ Adjournment of Rezoning Hearing.



Sullivan County
Board of County Commissioners
244th Annual Session

Item 1
Resolution No. 2024-11-01

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 14th day of November 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All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.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 14th day of November 2024.

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

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

2024-11-01 ACTIONS: Introduced at rezoning requests public hearing meeting, November 14,
2024 for vote. – JHO III



COUNTY COMMISSION WORK SESSION

November 14, 2024

- ❖ Public Comment On Agenda Items
- ❖ Review of Old Business and Draft Resolutions
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

OLD BUSINESS

Item 1 Resolution No. 2024-09-12

Sponsors: Stidham/Crosswhite

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT TO RETAIN AN ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE A DAILY PRESENCE ON NASHVILLE TO REPRESENT THE BEST INTERESTS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY AND ITS TAXPAYERS BY MONITORING DAY-TO-DAY PROGRESS OF POTENTIAL STATE LAWS AND PROVIDE PERIODIC REPORTS TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION.

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

Item 2 Resolution No. to be assigned.

Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-36-205, TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL BRIDGE BENEFIT PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-36-211, AND TO AUTHORIZE GROUP 1 MEMBERS WHO HAVE CREDITABLE SERVICE IN A GROUP 1 POSITION COVERED BY SUCH MANDATORY AGE RETIREMENT TO RETIRE ON SERVICE RETIREMENT BENEFITS UPON ATTAINMENT OF AGE FIFTY-FIVE (55) WITH TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-36-201(A)(2).

Item 3 Resolution No. to be assigned.

Sponsors: Ireson/Vanover

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRIDGE, TO INCENTIVIZE NEW PASSENGER AIR SERVICE AT TRI-CITIES AIRPORT.

Item 4 Resolution No. to be assigned.

Sponsors: Crosswhite/Calton

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF SPAYING AND NEUTERING COMMUNITY-OWNED PETS.



Item 5 Resolution No. to be assigned.

Sponsors: King/Glover

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO REPLACE THE ENTRANCE SIGN AT THE TRI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK.

Item 6 Resolution No. to be assigned.

Sponsors: King/Vanover

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY UNDER THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

Item 7 Resolution No. to be assigned.

Sponsors: King/Glover

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (DBA: NETWORKS SULLIVAN PARTNERSHIP) TO SUBMIT A STATE INDUSTRIAL ACCESS ROAD GRANT APPLICATION TO TDOT ON BEHALF OF SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Item 8 Resolution No. to be assigned.

Sponsors: Slagle/Vanover

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION OF HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDS FOR DESTINATION MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT.



*Sullivan County
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OLD BUSINESS
Item 1
No. 2024-09-12

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 19th day of September 2024.

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR AGREEMENT TO RETAIN AN ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE A DAILY PRESENCE ON NASHVILLE TO REPRESENT THE BEST INTERESTS OF SULLIVAN COUNTY AND ITS TAXPAYERS BY MONITORING DAY-TO-DAY PROGRESS OF POTENTIAL STATE LAWS AND PROVIDE PERIODIC REPORTS TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION.

Whereas, the Sullivan County Commission and County Constitutional Officeholders commend our Legislative delegation on their outstanding representation of their Sullivan County constituents and Sullivan County governments; and

Whereas, the Tennessee General Assembly will, during the upcoming session, file nearly 2000 pieces of legislation; and

Whereas, during the Legislative session many of these bills are acted on daily and many of these bills will affect our County government and our taxpayers, with many of these bills having potential to pit urban vs. rural interests; and

Whereas, our outstanding delegation of state legislators are required to vote on these bills; and

Whereas, our elected State Representatives and State Senators serve both urban and rural constituencies; and

Whereas, Sullivan County is represented in Nashville by many outstanding organizations such as TSEA, ACM, TCCA and others, and these organizations do an excellent job for all 95 counties in Tennessee; and

Whereas, many counties across the state have different interests than Sullivan County, and the Sullivan County Commission needs real time reporting of legislation progress on items pertaining to Sullivan County's particular interests to best meet the needs of county residents and taxpayers; and

Whereas it is not reasonable to request that our legislators lobby against the interest of any of their constituents or governments; and

Whereas, the Sullivan County Commission needs a Legislative Session review at the end of session.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Sullivan County Commission authorizes the County Mayor to enter into a one-year agreement to retain an organization to provide a daily presence on Nashville to assist our legislators when requested, to present Sullivan County positions on pending legislation to other 128 legislators and to provide periodic legislative reports to the Commission.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Mayor is authorized to commit up to \$45,000 for this contracted service and funds are to be provided from the current County Commission account.

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

Approved this _____ day of _____ 2024.

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 Gary Stidham
Cosponsor: Commissioner Joyce Crosswhite

2024-09-12 ACTIONS: Introduced on First Reding at Monthly Meeting, September 19, 2024. Signature lines updated prior to Oct. 10 Work Session per County Attorney Street following election of chairman other than mayor. At Monthly Meeting on October 17, 2024, Sponsor deferred to November calendar. – JHO III



*Sullivan County
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Draft Resolution
Item 2
Resolution No. To be assigned

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor, and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November, 2024.

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-36-205, TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL BRIDGE BENEFIT PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-36-211, AND TO AUTHORIZE GROUP 1 MEMBERS WHO HAVE CREDITABLE SERVICE IN A GROUP 1 POSITION COVERED BY SUCH MANDATORY AGE RETIREMENT TO RETIRE ON SERVICE RETIREMENT BENEFITS UPON ATTAINMENT OF AGE FIFTY-FIVE (55) WITH TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS OF CREDITABLE SERVICE PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTION 8-36-201(A)(2).

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-205 provides that any political subdivision participating in the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System may establish a mandatory retirement age requirement for all its firefighters, police officers, and correctional officers, as well as for all its employees who have been transferred from such a position to a supervisory or administrative position within their respective agency; provided that:

- (A) the mandatory retirement of any such employee does not violate the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. In case of doubt, the respective political subdivision shall determine whether the employee is employed in a position requiring the mandatory retirement of such employee under the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-205(a)(2);
- (B) the terms and conditions of the requirement shall be the same for all such employees within its employ;
- (C) the mandatory age requirement *shall not be less than* sixty (60) years of age;
- (D) each such employee shall be retired on the first day of the month following the month in which the employee attains the age requirement established by the political subdivision;
- (E) if the mandatory age requirement established by the political subdivision is less than the age requirement for receipt of old age and survivors benefits under Title II of the Federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 401-425), each such employee shall be entitled to the supplemental bridge benefit established pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-211; and
- (F) the chief governing body of the political subdivision passes a resolution authorizing the establishment of the mandatory retirement age requirement, and if the mandatory age requirement established by the political subdivision is less than the age requirement for



receipt of old age and survivors benefits under Title II of the Federal Social Security Act, the political subdivision accepts the liability associated with the granting of the supplemental bridge benefit. All costs associated with providing the supplemental benefit shall be paid by the political subdivision and not by the State; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-201(a)(2) further authorizes any political subdivision that establishes a mandatory retirement age requirement that is sixty (60) years of age or older, but less than sixty-two (62), to permit Group 1 members who have creditable service in a Group 1 position covered by such mandatory retirement age requirement to retire on service retirement benefits upon attainment of age fifty-five (55) with twenty-five (25) years of creditable service, provided that the service retirement benefits be based on the years of creditable service rendered and the average final compensation received while the Group 1 member served in a Group 1 position covered by the mandatory retirement provisions. All other service shall be calculated under the reduced (early) retirement provisions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County desires to establish a mandatory retirement age requirement pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-205, to grant the supplemental bridge benefit pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-211, and to allow Group 1 members who have creditable service in a Group 1 position covered by such mandatory retirement age requirement to retire on service retirement benefits pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-201(a)(2); and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the above-named Political Subdivision acknowledges that the costs associated with the granting of the supplemental bridge benefit pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-211 and of service retirement benefits pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-201(a)(2) shall increase its accrued liability rate by 3.50 % of the covered payroll of the affected employees; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the above-named Political Subdivision further acknowledges that *if* the mandatory retirement age requirement established by the Political Subdivision is sixty (60) years of age or older, but less than sixty-two (62), the political subdivision shall determine whether any employee subject to such retirement age requirement serves in a supervisory or administrative position which requires less than fifty percent (50%) of the employee's duties to be involved in day-to-day law enforcement or fire-fighting activities. If the Political Subdivision makes any such determination, then the employee may continue in service until the first day of the month following the month in which the employee attains sixty-two (62) years of age; provided such employee completes any form as may be required pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-211 and files the same at the time and in the manner prescribed in Section 8-36-211.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the above-named Political Subdivision hereby establishes a mandatory retirement age requirement of Sixty (60) for all its firefighters, police officers, and correctional officers, as well as for all its employees who have been transferred from such a position to a supervisory or administrative position within their respective agency, subject to the terms and conditions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-205.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the above-named Political Subdivision authorizes that the supplemental bridge benefit established pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-211 be paid to each Group 1 member who retires on a service retirement allowance on or after the attainment of age fifty-five (55) with creditable service in a Group 1 position covered by the mandatory retirement age requirement established pursuant to this resolution and hereby agrees to accept the associated liability. Said payment to be made until the first day of the month following the month in which the member dies, or until the first day of the month following the month in which the member reaches the age requirement for receipt of old age and survivors benefits under Title II of the Federal Social Security Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the above-named Political Subdivision authorizes its Group 1 members who have creditable service in a Group 1 position covered by such mandatory retirement age requirement to retire on service retirement benefits upon attainment of age fifty-five (55) with twenty-five (25) years of creditable service, provided that the service retirement benefits be based on the years of creditable service rendered and the average final compensation received while the Group 1 member served in a Group 1 position covered by the mandatory retirement provisions. All other service shall be calculated under the reduced (early) retirement provisions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the effective date of this Resolution shall be on January 1, 2025 with a transitional deferral date of July 1, 2026 for the enforcement of the mandatory retirement age requirement (which date cannot be later than the July 1 following twelve (12) months after the effective date of the resolution). Any such deferral period shall not apply to any other provisions of this Resolution, such provisions being effective on the effective date of this Resolution.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN



I, _____, clerk of the County Commission of
(Name of Governing Body)

Sullivan County, Tennessee do hereby certify that this is a true and
(Name of Political Subdivision)

exact copy of the foregoing resolution that was approved and adopted in accordance with applicable law at a meeting held on the _____ day of ____, 2024, the original of which is on file in this office.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and the seal of the

Sullivan County.
(Name of Political Subdivision)

As Clerk of the Board, as aforesaid

SEAL

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 Mark Ireson
Coponents: Commissioner Zane Vanover, Commissioner Travis Ward

ACTIONS: Draft resolution distributed at Work Session on November 14, 2024. Signature lines updated per County Attorney Street following election of chairman other than mayor. --
JHO III



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244th Annual Session

Draft Resolution
Item 3
Resolution No. To be assigned

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

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRIDGE, TO INCENTIVIZE NEW PASSENGER AIR SERVICE AT TRI-CITIES AIRPORT.

WHEREAS, tourism a growing industry in Sullivan County, with tourists having spent more than \$300 million in the county in 2023, a figure representing a 3 percent increase over the previous year; and

WHEREAS, the tourism industry in Sullivan County employs around 2,638 people; and

WHEREAS, tourism in Sullivan County generates more than \$600,000 in county occupancy tax each year; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-Cities Airport is uniquely positioned to increase those figures by increasing the number of travelers arriving here and at the same time lowering the average fare; and

WHEREAS, supporting the minimum revenue guarantee for expanding air service will in turn support increased tourism in Sullivan County and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Bridge, a privately funded regional economic development organization, has volunteered to serve as the fund-raising partner for the airport's air service expansion campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-Cities Airport, in cooperation with Bridge and air service consultant Mead & Hunt, is actively recruiting new passenger air service routes to increase the positive economic impact of tourism and business travel in our county and communities; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Sullivan County hereby designates up to \$10,000 a month from the hotel /motel tax revenues over two years (a total of up to \$240,000) to assist the airport in funding revenue guarantees to incentivize new passenger service routes.

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.

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 Mark Ireson
Cosponsor: Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Sam Jones

ACTIONS: Draft resolution presented at Work Session on November 14th 2024. Signature lines updated per County Attorney Street following election of chairman other than mayor. --
JHO III



*Sullivan County
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Draft Resolution
Item 4
Resolution No. To be assigned

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FROM THE TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF SPAYING AND NEUTERING COMMUNITY-OWNED PETS.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Department of Agriculture has provided \$1,200 in grant funding to support the Sullivan County Animal Shelter's spay and neuter program; and

WHEREAS, these funds are designated specifically to assist with spaying and neutering community-owned pets within Sullivan County, which is essential to reducing overpopulation and enhancing animal welfare within the community; and

WHEREAS, the spay and neuter program aligns with the goals of Sullivan County and the Animal Shelter to promote responsible pet ownership, improve public health, and minimize the number of stray animals; and

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission recognizes the importance of this program and the impact it has on the health and safety of both animals and residents in the county;

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

- 1. The \$1,200 grant from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture shall be appropriated to the Sullivan County Animal Shelter.**
- 2. These funds are to be used exclusively for spaying and neutering community-owned pets, with the goal of reducing pet overpopulation and improving animal welfare in Sullivan County.**
- 3. The Sullivan County Animal Shelter shall maintain records of the expenditure of these funds and report to the Commission on the program's progress, effectiveness, and any outcomes resulting from this funding.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage, the public welfare requiring it. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists.

Duly passed and approved this 21st day of November 2024.

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: Joyce Crosswhite
Cosponsor: Darlene Calton



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Draft Resolution
Item 5
Resolution No. To be assigned

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

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RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO REPLACE THE ENTRANCE SIGN AT THE TRI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK.

WHEREAS, **The Industrial Development Board of Sullivan County, Tennessee**, with monies from the sale of County owned Tri-County Industrial Park properties, established economic development sub-fund (Account #58120-700 Subfund 021) for the purpose of funding on-going maintenance efforts and furthering development of the Tri-County Industrial Park.

WHEREAS, the existing tenant sign is more than 40-years old and is in significant disrepair. And whereas, since its creation, the IDB through the economic development subfund has participated in the funding of economic development related projects and has partnered with agencies with common goals to advance the economic development conditions of Sullivan County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby appropriates **\$125,000.00** to the Sullivan County Industrial Development Board to supplement the demolition of the existing tenant sign and construction of a new tenant sign at the Tri-County Industrial Park, and the addition of landscaping features.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED such funds to be appropriated from Account #58120-700 Subfund 021 (The subfund was established, with monies from the sale of County owned Tri-County Industrial Park properties beginning June 1993, for the purpose of funding on-going maintenance efforts and furthering development of the Tri-County Industrial Park.).

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 21st day of November 2024.

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 Dwight King
Cosponsor: Commissioner Hershel Glover



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Draft Resolution
Item 6
Resolution No. To be assigned

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

A RESOLUTION OF THE SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMISSION TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY UNDER THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Sullivan County has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$78,530 from the Department of Energy under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant is to promote energy efficiency and conservation within Sullivan County's facilities, in accordance with the objectives of the EECBG Program; and

WHEREAS, the County has identified the need to retrofit the HVAC system at the Sullivan County Finance Administrative Building to improve energy efficiency, reduce operating costs, and provide enhanced comfort for employees and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the planned retrofitting of the HVAC system aligns with the goals of the EECBG Program by reducing energy consumption and supporting the County's commitment to sustainable operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners, assembled in a Regular Session, approves the appropriation of \$78,530 received from the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant for the specific purpose of retrofitting the HVAC system at the Finance Administrative Building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board authorizes the Sullivan County Finance Department to establish a designated fund to manage and oversee the expenditure of these grant funds solely for this purpose, ensuring compliance with all Department of Energy requirements and reporting obligations associated with the EECBG Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board authorizes the County Mayor and appropriate County officials to execute any necessary agreements, contracts, or documents required to implement this project in compliance with grant guidelines.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Adopted this 21st day of November 2024.

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Sponsor: Dwight King
Cosponsor: Zane Vanover



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Draft Resolution
Item 7
Resolution No. To be assigned

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SULLIVAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP (DBA: NETWORKS SULLIVAN PARTNERSHIP) TO SUBMIT A STATE INDUSTRIAL ACCESS ROAD GRANT APPLICATION TO TDOT ON BEHALF OF SULLIVAN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership is tasked to furthering industrial & economic development in Sullivan County. And whereas, NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership has been working with a private developer to improve some 28-acres adjoining the Tri-County Industrial Park for future industrial recruitment and expansion opportunities. And whereas, it has been deemed that a new access road would have to be constructed for development to occur.

WHEREAS, NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership has coordinated with the Sullivan County Planning Department and the Sullivan County Highway Department and will further incorporate their input moving forward. And whereas, authorization to apply to TDOT is not a commitment to accept TDOT funding, if approved.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Sullivan County, Tennessee, assembled in Regular Session hereby authorizes NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership to submit a State Industrial Access Road Grant Application to TDOT for the design and construction of a new access road in 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.

Adopted this 21st day of November 2024.

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

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Mayor, Sullivan County

Reviewed and VETOED by Mayor, Sullivan County: _____
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 Dwight King
Cosponsor: Commissioner Hershel Glover



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Draft Resolution
Item 8
Resolution No. To be assigned

To the Honorable Richard S. Venable, Sullivan County Mayor and the Board of Sullivan County Commissioners meeting in Regular Session this 21st day of November 2024.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISTRIBUTION OF HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDS FOR DESTINATION MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Sullivan County Commission recognizes the importance of tourism to the economic vitality of Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, a partnership between Sullivan County and its neighboring Cities is deemed to be in the best interest of Sullivan County for the purpose of destination marketing and development and overall collaboration; and

WHEREAS, each City has notified the Sullivan County Commission that their preferred tourism partner be set as NETTA (Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association) for the purposes of tourism enablement within Sullivan County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to establish a mechanism for the distribution of hotel/motel tax funds to support such partnership as well as establish tourism leadership within Sullivan County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Sullivan County Commission that the distribution of funds to the city's tourism partner, NETTA (Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association) shall be set at 50% of the net proceeds collected by Sullivan County for each City contribution less the Clerk's 5% commission. This distribution shall occur within 45 days after the end of the calendar quarter each year (4 times per year) after the initial distribution. As of October 31st 2024, the amount collected is reported at \$962,852.55 (less the Clerk's 5% Commission). The initial amount to be distributed to NETTA shall be \$481,426.27.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect from and after its passage. All resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same rescinded insofar as such conflict exists. Adopted this 21st day of November 2024.

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 Matt Slagle
Cosponsors: Commissioner Zane Vanover; Commissioner Mark Ireson; Commissioner John Gardner; Commissioner Daniel Horne; Commissioner Cheryl Harvey; Commissioner Jessica Means; Commissioner Hershel Glover

