

Henry Cullen (R): County Commission Chairman, District 7

Cullen has been a resident of Tellico Village for over 19 years. He was born and raised in New York and Connecticut. Cullen graduated Pace University with a BBA, and made a career in Ford Motor Company Sales and Marketing that took him across the country. Cullen retired in Atlanta, Georgia and moved to Tellico Village in 2003. Having extensive firefighting and EMS experience over the years in many cities, he was elected Chief of the Tellico Village Fire Dept in 2004. While serving as Chief, he led a group of dedicated volunteers in turning that Fire Department into a highly effective, and respected organization in the Village. After stepping down as Chief in 2012, Cullen continues to serve as a member, holding an AEMT license Fire Fighter 1 certificate. Wishing to serve the community further, Cullen was elected Loudon County Commissioner in 2014. His accomplishments as a Commissioner include: Vice Chairman of the Budget Committee, which for the past seven years has kept the tax rate stable without an increase though two reassessments, adopting the certified tax rate both times. Cullen was instrumental in resolving the delinquent tax lot issue for the Village and increasing the funding for the Tellico Village Fire Department. He served on the Jail Committee that built the Jail expansion without a tax increase. Cullen was re-elected Commissioner in 2018 and was appointed Chairman of the Commission in September 2018. He then was appointed by the County Commission to the TRDA Board in April 2021, and interfaced with TRDA to resolve the boat servicing issues at the boat ramps and the Kayak launch at Clear Creek. On a personal note, he is married to Cathie Cullen and has three sons and four grandchildren. Cullen's stated goals are to continue to support Public Safety, economic growth, and quality education, while always acting in the best interests of his friends and neighbors in the Village as well as all of Loudon County.