

**RESOLUTION**

No. 2021 / 08 / 01  
**Out of Order**

To the HONORABLE RICK BREWER, Chairman, and Members of Hawkins County Board of Commission in Regular Session, met this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2021.

**RESOLUTION IN REF: APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATE ROAD USE RESTRICTIONS ON JIM TOWN ROAD TO MITIGATE SAFETY RISKS AND FACILITATE ESSENTIAL TRAFFIC**

**WHEREAS**, current safety hazards on Jim Town Road are characterized by extremely narrow road widths that do not meet safety standards for two-way traffic, sharp and numerous curves, steep embankments along the sides, large protruding boulders, and substandard road surface construction materials to support routine, cyclical use by heavy loaded vehicles. These safety hazards represent a significant risk to the residents, property owners, and others that routinely transit Jim Town Road; and

**WHEREAS**, in the April 26, 2021, Commission Meeting it was determined that an engineering study concerning vehicle use on Jim Town Road be completed. Pending receipt of the engineer study, in the May 24, 2021 regular meeting, the Commission established a 20 mile an hour speed limit on Jim Town Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the results and recommendations from the engineer study were received and are contained in a Letter to the Hawkins County Road Superintendent from Mr. Steve Wilson, State of Tennessee Registered Engineer, with Spoden and Wilson Consulting Engineers, subject Engineering Analysis and Recommendations for Utilization of Jim Town Road, and dated June 14, 2021. Based on this report, the County must take immediate action to mitigate current risks while permitting essential traffic until permanent upgrades to the road can be completed.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that use of Jim Town Road shall be restricted to routine, cyclical, residential vehicle traffic and essential non-routine, non-cyclical large-heavy loaded vehicular traffic necessary to support property maintenance, residential construction and operation. As further defined, this would include passenger vehicle traffic, parcel post deliveries (USPS, UPS and FedEx), utility service vehicles (electricity, propane, communications, water, etc.), emergency vehicles, and non-routine vehicles delivering materials necessary to support residential construction and property maintenance/improvement (lumber, brick/block, concrete, dirt, gravel, equipment, etc.). These actions will remain in place until such time that road upgrades can be completed.

Introduced By Esq. Dawson Fields

**ACTION: AYE NAY PASSED**

Seconded By Esq. \_\_\_\_\_

Roll Call \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted 8-11-21

Voice Vote \_\_\_\_\_

  
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County Clerk

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

**MAYOR'S ACTION: Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Veto \_\_\_\_\_**