

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 24, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT: 19 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT, 2 ABSENT**

**GEORGE BRIDWELL  
RAYMOND JESSEE  
SYBLE VAUGHAN TRENT  
JEFF BARRETT  
KEITH GIBSON  
TOM KERN  
DANNY ALVIS**

**CHARLES HOUSEWRIGHT  
CHARLES THACKER  
DAWSON FIELDS (A)  
VALERIE GOINS  
HANNAH WINEGAR  
GLENDA DAVIS  
MARK DEWITTE**

**JASON ROACH  
NANCY BARKER  
LARRY CLONCE  
RICK BREWER  
BOB EDENS  
MICHAEL J. HERRELL  
DONNIE TALLEY (A)**

- **COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**
  - COMMISSIONER DEWITTE AND COMMISSIONER ALVIS RECOGNIZED LIEUTENANT WOODS FOR HIS HELP WITH AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETINGS
  - JUDGE ALEX PEARSON, JUDGE JIM GOODWIN, JUDGE JOHN DUGGER, JUDGE WILLIAM PHILLIPS, JUDGE BETH BONIFACE, JUDGE LISA RICE, AND JUDGE STACY STREET ADDRESSED THE COMMISSION CONCERNING "BABY DOE" OPIOID SETTLEMENT MONEY BEING SET ASIDE FOR FUTURE INPATIENT TREATMENT FACILITY
  - ATTORNEY CRYSTAL JESSEE GAVE AN UPDATE ON PENDING OPIOID LAWSUIT
- **OFFICE/COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - HAWKINS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION QUARTERLY REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT -- MATT HIXON, DIRECTOR 2021-2022 SECOND QUARTER
  - HAWKINS COUNTY TRUSTEE'S OFFICE FUND REPORT -- FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT OCTOBER 1, 2021 -- DECEMBER 31, 2021
  - HAWKINS COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE PLAN
  - HAWKINS COUNTY CIRCUIT, SESSIONS, AND JUVENILE COURT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021
  - RE-APPOINTMENT OF DANA COOK TO THE MOORESBURG UTILITY DISTRICT OF HAWKINS COUNTY, TN
  - RE-APPOINTMENT OF TERRY FLETCHER TO THE FIRST UTILITY DISTRICT OF HAWKINS COUNTY, TN
  - APPOINTMENT OF JEREMY GOINS TO FINISH THE REMAINING TERM OF JAMES R. JONES TO THE LAKEVIEW UTILITY DISTRICT OF HAWKINS COUNTY, TN
  - LETTER FROM MATTHEW GROSSMAN, ESQ. RE: PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2022/01/04 AFFECTING JIM TOWN ROAD

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2021 COMMISSION MEETING WERE APPROVED... 19 YES, 2 ABSENT  
\*MOTION BY JEFF BARRETT, SECOND BY HANNAH WINEGAR**

**RESOLUTIONS 2022/01:**

**2022/01/01 CORRECTED CALENDAR -- APPROVAL OF DATES, TIMES, AND PLACES FOR THE 2022 MONTHLY REGULAR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS  
\*MOTION BY VALERIE GOINS, SECOND BY NANCY BARKER**

**YES: BREWER, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS,  
HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, GOINS, WINEGAR, DAVIS, DEWITTE,  
ROACH, BARKER, CLONCE, HERRELL, EDENS**

**ABSENT: FIELDS, TALLEY**

**APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 19 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2**

**2022/01/02 DECLARING HAWKINS COUNTY A CONSTITUTIONAL SANCTUARY COUNTY  
\*MOTION MARK DEWITTE, SECOND BY DANNY ALVIS**

**COMMISSIONER DEWITTE CHANGED WORDING IN THE SIXTH PARAGRAPH FROM "EMPLOYEE OR OFFICIAL OF HAWKINS COUNTY IS ENCOURAGED TO REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN" TO "EMPLOYEE OR OFFICIAL OF HAWKINS COUNTY IS ENCOURAGED TO OBJECT AND/OR LEGALLY FIGHT"**

**YES: BREWER, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS,  
HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, GOINS, WINEGAR, DAVIS, DEWITTE,  
ROACH, BARKER, CLONCE, HERRELL, EDENS**

**ABSTAIN: BRIDWELL**

**ABSENT: FIELDS, TALLEY**

**APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 18 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 2**

**2022/01/03 UTILIZING ARPA COVID RELIEF GRANT FUNDING FOR PURCHASE AND  
INSTALLATION OF FIRE HYDRANTS FOR STANLEY VALLEY  
\*MOTION BY CHARLES THACKER, SECOND BY DANNY ALVIS**

**YES: BREWER, BRIDWELL, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT,  
THACKER, GOINS, WINEGAR, DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, EDENS**

**NO: JESSEE, KERN, BARKER, HERRELL**

**ABSTAIN: DEWITTE**

**ABSENT: FIELDS, TALLEY**

**APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 14 NO 4 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 2**

**2022/01/04 APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATE ROAD USE RESTRICTIONS ON JIM TOWN  
ROAD TO MITIGATE SAFETY RISKS AND FACILITATE ESSENTIAL TRAFFIC  
\*MOTION BY LARRY CLONCE, SECOND BY SYBLE TRENT**

**MOTION TO AMEND 2022/01/04 – SEE ATTACHED AMENDMENT (2/3 VOTE OF FULL MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED)  
\*MOTION BY LARRY CLONCE, SECOND SYBLE TRENT**

**YES: BREWER, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS,  
THACKER, WINEGAR, DAVIS, DEWITTE, ROACH, BARKER, CLONCE, EDENS**

**NO: HOUSEWRIGHT, HERRELL**

**ABSTAIN: GOINS**

**ABSENT: FIELDS, TALLEY**

**APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 16 NO 2 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 2**

**REQUEST FOR RECESS FOR ATTORNEY/CLIENT SESSION -  
\*MOTION BY MICHAEL HERRELL, SECOND BY CHARLES HOUSEWRIGHT**

**YES: BRIDWELL, BARRETT, DAVIS, BARKER, EDENS, JESSEE, GIBSON, HOUSEWRIGHT,  
ROACH, DEWITTE, HERRELL, KERN, WINEGAR, BREWER, GOINS**

**NO: ALVIS, CLONCE, TRENT, THACKER**

**ABSENT: FIELDS, TALLEY**

**APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 15 NO 4 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2**

**COMMISSIONER GOINS CALLED FOR QUESTION WITH NO OBJECTIONS FROM THE COMMISSION  
VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2022/01/04 – AS AMENDED (2/3 VOTE OF FULL MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED)**

**YES: BREWER, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, THACKER, GOINS,  
WINEGAR, DAVIS, DEWITTE, ROACH, BARKER, CLONCE, HERRELL, EDENS**

**NO: BRIDWELL, HOUSEWRIGHT**

**ABSENT: FIELDS, TALLEY**

**APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 17 NO 2 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2**

**2022/01/05 TO COLLABORATE WITH OTHER COUNTIES IN THE EAST TENNESSEE REGION AND JOIN TOGETHER WITH EACH OTHER IN COMMUNICATION, WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSION FOR OPIOID TREATMENT  
\*MOTION BY JEFF BARRETT, SECOND BY KEITH GIBSON**

*JUDGE STACY STREET, JUDGE JIM GOODWIN, JUDGE ALEX PEARSON, AND JUDGE JOHN DUGGER WERE RECOGNIZED TO SPEAK ABOUT THE CONCERNS OF THE "BABY DOE" SETTLEMENT MONEY.*

**MOTION TO AMEND 2022/01/05 – TO SET ASIDE "BABY DOE" MONEY UNTIL A PLAN FOR RECOVERY COURT IS PRESENTED TO THE HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION  
\*MOTION BY MICHAEL HERRELL, SECOND BY CHARLES HOUSEWRIGHT**

**YES: BREWER, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, GOINS, WINEGAR, DAVIS, DEWITTE, ROACH, BARKER, CLONCE, HERRELL, EDENS**

**ABSENT: FIELDS, TALLEY**

**APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 19 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2**

**VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2022/01/05 – AS AMENDED**

**YES: BREWER, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, GOINS, WINEGAR, DAVIS, DEWITTE, ROACH, BARKER, CLONCE, HERRELL, EDENS**

**ABSENT: FIELDS, TALLEY**

**APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 19 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2**

**2022/01/06 APPROVAL OF THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM, KNOWN AS TIPS PURCHASING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
\*MOTION BY CHARLES THACKER, SECOND BY BOB EDENS**

**YES: BREWER, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, GOINS, WINEGAR, DAVIS, DEWITTE, ROACH, BARKER, CLONCE, HERRELL, EDENS**

**ABSENT: FIELDS, TALLEY**

**APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 19 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2**

**2022/01/07 APPROVAL OF HAZARDOUS MITIGATION PLAN FOR HAWKINS COUNTY, TN  
\*MOTION BY LARRY CLONCE, SECOND BY NANCY BARKER**

**COMMISSIONER THACKER CALLED FOR QUESTION - (2/3 VOTE OF FULL MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED)**

**YES: THACKER, GOINS, ALVIS, CLONCE, BARKER, DEWITTE, TRENT**

**NO: EDENS, GIBSON, ROACH, BRIDWELL, HOUSEWRIGHT, WINEGAR, DAVIS, BREWER, BARRETT, JESSEE, KERN, HERRELL**

**ABSENT: FIELDS, TALLEY**

**FAILED BY ROLL CALL YES 7 NO 12 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2**

**VOTE ON 2022/01/07**

**YES: BREWER, BRIDWELL, TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS, HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, GOINS, WINEGAR, DAVIS, DEWITTE, ROACH, BARKER, CLONCE, HERRELL, EDENS**

**NO: JESSEE, BARRETT**

**ABSENT: FIELDS, TALLEY**

**APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 17 NO 2 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2**

**2022/01/08 BUDGET AMENDMENT – GENERAL FUND  
\*MOTION BY CHARLES THACKER, SECOND BY BOB EDENS**

**YES: BREWER, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS,  
HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, GOINS, WINEGAR, DAVIS, DEWITTE,  
ROACH, BARKER, CLONCE, HERRELL, EDENS**

**ABSENT: FIELDS, TALLEY**

**APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 19 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2**

**2022/01/09 APPROVAL OF NOTARIES PUBLIC  
\*MOTION BY JEFF BARRETT, SECOND BY JASON ROACH**

**YES: BREWER, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS,  
HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, GOINS, WINEGAR, DAVIS, DEWITTE,  
ROACH, BARKER, CLONCE, HERRELL, EDENS**

**ABSENT: FIELDS, TALLEY**

**APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 19 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN  
\*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY CHARLES THACKER**

**YES: BREWER, BRIDWELL, JESSEE, TRENT, BARRETT, GIBSON, KERN, ALVIS,  
HOUSEWRIGHT, THACKER, GOINS, WINEGAR, DAVIS, DEWITTE,  
ROACH, BARKER, CLONCE, HERRELL, EDENS**

**ABSENT: FIELDS, TALLEY**

**APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 19 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2**

**VOTE FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2021 COMMISSION MEETING**

**\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ ABSTAIN \_\_\_\_\_ ABSENT \_\_\_\_\_**

## RESOLUTION

No. 2022 / 01 / 04  
(AMENDED COPY)

To the HONORABLE Rick Brewer, Chairman, and Members of the Hawkins County Board of Commission in Regular Session, met this 28th day of September 2020.

**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 in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) § 55-7-101, 55-7-103, and 55-7-205 (8) (B) vehicles transiting Jim Town Road shall not exceed a gross weight of 20,000 lbs. to prevent serious damage to the roadway and reduce risk of death and serious bodily injury to those that drive on Jim Town Road. In accordance with T.C.A. § 55-7-203 emergency response vehicles shall be exempt from the weight limit to enable them to protect persons and property on Jim Town Road.

All road users planning to transport or receive materials shall comply with the 20,000 lbs. weight restriction; however, a temporary exception may be granted for other vehicles whose tare weight exceed the limit. Based upon T.C.A § 55-7-205, trucks and trailers transporting equipment and/or materials in or out may be granted temporary exceptions via a permit on a temporary basis for no longer than two consecutive weeks for same requestor, destination property and purpose. This permit, issued by the Hawkins County Road Superintendent's Office, shall specify the date for transport, destination, responsible property owner, and type of vehicle to be used. Granting of a permit shall require the use of an escort vehicle to safely transit Jim Town Road.

Per Tennessee Code Annotated the present unrestricted weight limitations (ie Maximum Loads) would, in the opinion of the Hawkins County Road Superintendent, injure or damage the road in question through weakness of structure in the surface.

Furthermore, other solutions may be developed for the commission to consider.

Introduced by Esq. Larry Clonce

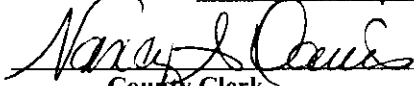
**ACTION:**      **AYE**      **NAY**      **PASSED**

Second by Esq. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date Submitted 1-24-22

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

  
County Clerk

**Absent:**      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_      \_\_\_\_\_

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

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

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