



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 10

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

December 5, 2018

MOTION

Made By: Dr. Smoot, Seconded By: Mr. Connors
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: "James W. Stowers Memorial Bridge"

WHEREAS, the Giles County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor the life and contributions of James W. Stowers, who was a lifelong resident of Giles County and served his community as a member and Treasurer of the Wolf Creek Ruritan Club and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the First Methodist Church of Narrows; and

WHEREAS, the Giles County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor the life and contributions of Mr. James W. Stowers who passed away on July 18, 2018, leaving a legacy of care and service to his community; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Giles County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated August 16, 2018, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life of James W. Stowers, name the bridge on Route 673, Penvir Road, over Wolf Creek, Giles County as the "James W. Stowers Memorial Bridge"; and

WHEREAS, § 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the CTB and requires that the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located or by the private entity whose name is attached to the transportation facility so named; and

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WHEREAS, by resolution, Giles County has agreed to pay VDOT for the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the bridge on Route 673, Penvir Road, over Wolf Creek, Giles County as the "James W. Stowers Memorial Bridge"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to produce, place, and maintain the signs calling attention to this naming, and secure payment from Giles County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “James W. Stowers Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on Route 673, Penvir Road, over Wolf Creek, Giles County as the “James W. Stowers Memorial Bridge”.

Facts: Giles County enacted a resolution on August 16, 2018 memorializing the life and contributions to his community of James Stowers. Based on that resolution, Mr. Stowers was a lifelong resident of Giles County in the Penvir area and utilized this bridge in his daily life. He served his community as a member and Treasurer of the Wolf Creek Ruritan Club and a member of the Board of Trustees of First Methodist Church of Narrows. Mr. Stowers passed away on July 18, 2018, leaving a legacy of care and giving for his family and community.

Recommendations: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recommends this request be approved.

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority of the CTB members to approve a resolution naming a highway or bridge, as appropriate. A resolution will be provided for the Board’s consideration.

Result if Approved: The bridge on Route 673, Penvir Road, over Wolf Creek, Giles County will be named as the “James W. Stowers Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law and by local resolution, Giles County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: VDOT is not aware of any opposition to this proposal.

County of Giles

Jeffrey Morris
Central District Supervisor

Larry "Jay" Williams
Eastern District Supervisor

John Lawson
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At-Large Supervisor

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WHEREAS, James W. Stowers was a lifelong resident of Giles county and the Penvir area of Wolf Creek utilizing the bridge in the Penvir area in his daily life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stowers served his community as a member and former Treasurer of the Wolf Creek Ruritan Club and member of the First Methodist Church of Narrows where he served on the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stowers was a citizen with good moral character giving of his time and resources to those in need; and

WHEREAS, James W. Stowers passed away on July 18, 2018, leaving a legacy of care and concern for family and community; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to give suitable names to state highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities and change the names of any highways, bridges, interchanges, or other transportation facilities forming a part of the systems of state highways; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the CTB and requires that the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Giles County, in accordance with the requirements of Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, does hereby request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the bridge on Route 673, Penvir Road, over Wolf Creek in Giles County as the James W. Stowers Memorial Bridge;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Giles County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

Signature

Jeffrey L. Morris, Chairman

Date 8-16-18

Giles County



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Giles County

Proposed Bridge Naming:

“James W. Stowers Memorial Bridge”