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Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item #5

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

January 16, 2019

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Stinson, Seconded By: Mr. Miller
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Highway Naming: “Brandon Looney Memorial Highway”

WHEREAS, Russell County wishes to honor and memorialize Brandon Looney for his positive and upbeat impact on young baseball players and for his own accomplishments while playing baseball for Honaker High School. Brandon, who passed away on July 19, 2017, had just finished his junior year at Honaker High School. He was selected first team third baseman in the Crooked Road conference. His number 2 jersey was retired on his 19th birthday and is presently displayed at AP Baldwin Gymnasium at Honaker High School. He had also graduated at the top of his class from Russell County Career and Technology Center with five Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications. He had plans to continue his education and own his own shop someday.

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, Russell County has requested, by resolution dated December 6, 2018, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life and contributions of Brandon Looney, name Route 803, Ball Hollow Road, from its intersection with Route 624 to the end of state maintenance (approximately 0.1 mile) in Russell County as the “Brandon Looney Memorial Highway”; 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

WHEREAS, Russell 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 Route 803, Ball Hollow Road, from its intersection with Route 624 to the end of state maintenance (approximately 0.1 mile) in Russell County as the "Brandon Looney Memorial Highway"; 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 Russell County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Highway Naming: “Brandon Looney Memorial Highway”

Issue: Approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is sought for the commemorative naming of Route 803, Ball Hollow Road, from its intersection with Route 624 to the end of state maintenance (approximately 0.1 mile) in Russell County as the “Brandon Looney Memorial Highway”, as requested by Russell County.

Facts: The Russell County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on December 6, 2018 memorializing the life of Brandon Looney, who passed away on July 19, 2017. Based on that resolution, Brandon Looney had just finished his junior year at Honaker High School and was loved by many students and faculty members. He was a player on Little League and attended state games four times. He was supportive of everyone on the team and happily served as a mentor to younger players. In 2017 he made All Four Seasons Country second team third base. From the time he entered high school as a freshman, no other player was ever the first team third baseman in the Crooked Road Conference.

Brandon’s #2 jersey was retired on his 19th birthday and is presently displayed at AP Baldwin Gymnasium at Honaker High School.

His true passion was auto mechanics and he graduated at the top of his class in his junior year from Russell County Career and Technology Center. He graduated with five Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certifications and had just received his license to perform Virginia State Inspections. He was continuing his education in auto mechanics and dreamed of owning his own shop.

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

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia*, § 33.2-213, 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 CTB’s consideration.

Result if Approved: Route 803, Ball Hollow Road, from its intersection with Route 624 to the end of state maintenance (approximately 0.1 mile) in Russell County will be named the “Brandon Looney Memorial Highway”, as requested by Russell County. In accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, Russell 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.





**Route 803 Naming Submittal
Russell County
Lebanon Residency**

December 2018

Russell County Virginia

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Resolution

Highway Naming of Route 803, "Ball Road", from its intersection with Route 624 to the end of state maintenance (approximately 0.1 mile) in Russell County as the "Brandon Looney Memorial Highway".

WHEREAS, Brandon Looney at the time of his passing July 19, 2017 had just finished his junior year at Honaker High School and was loved by so many students and faculty members. He was a player on Little League and attended state games four times. He was supportive of everyone on the team and happily served as a mentor to younger players. He always remained positive and upbeat and didn't let pressure get to him.

WHEREAS, His Career Statistics in baseball were:

.357 Batting Average	.492 OBP	77 Runs
54 RBI	10 Doubles	5 Triples
1 HR	47 Walks	20 Stolen Bases

2017 All Four Seasons Country 2nd Team 3B

WHEREAS, From the time he entered high school as a freshman, no other player was ever the 1st team 3rd baseman in the Crooked Road Conference. His #2 jersey was retired on his 19th birthday and is presently displayed at AP Baldwin Gymnasium at Honaker High School.

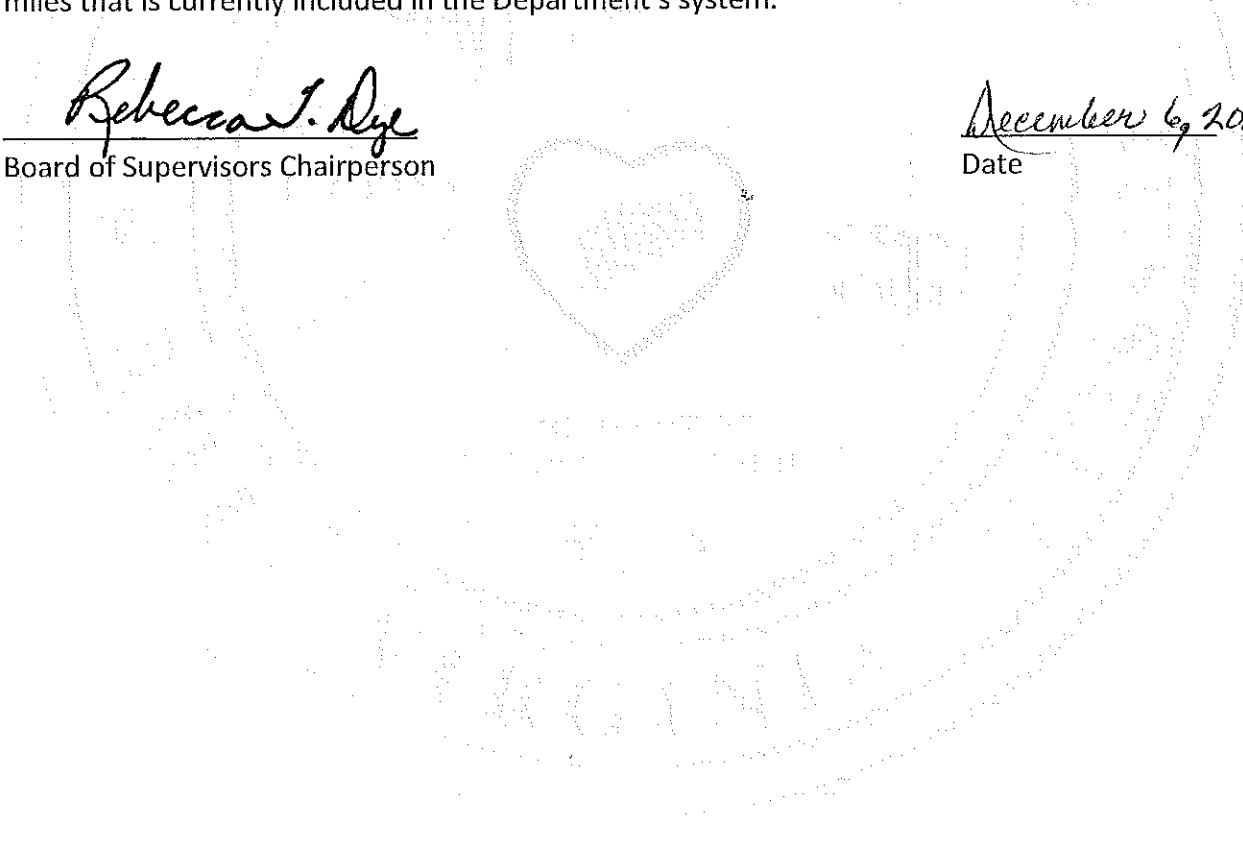
WHEREAS, Brandon's true passion was auto mechanics and graduated at the top of his class in his junior year from Russell County Career and Technology Center. He graduated with five ASE certifications and had just received his license to perform Virginia State Inspections. He knew what he wanted to do after high school graduation and that was continuing his education in auto mechanics and working in that field and owning his own shop someday.

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.

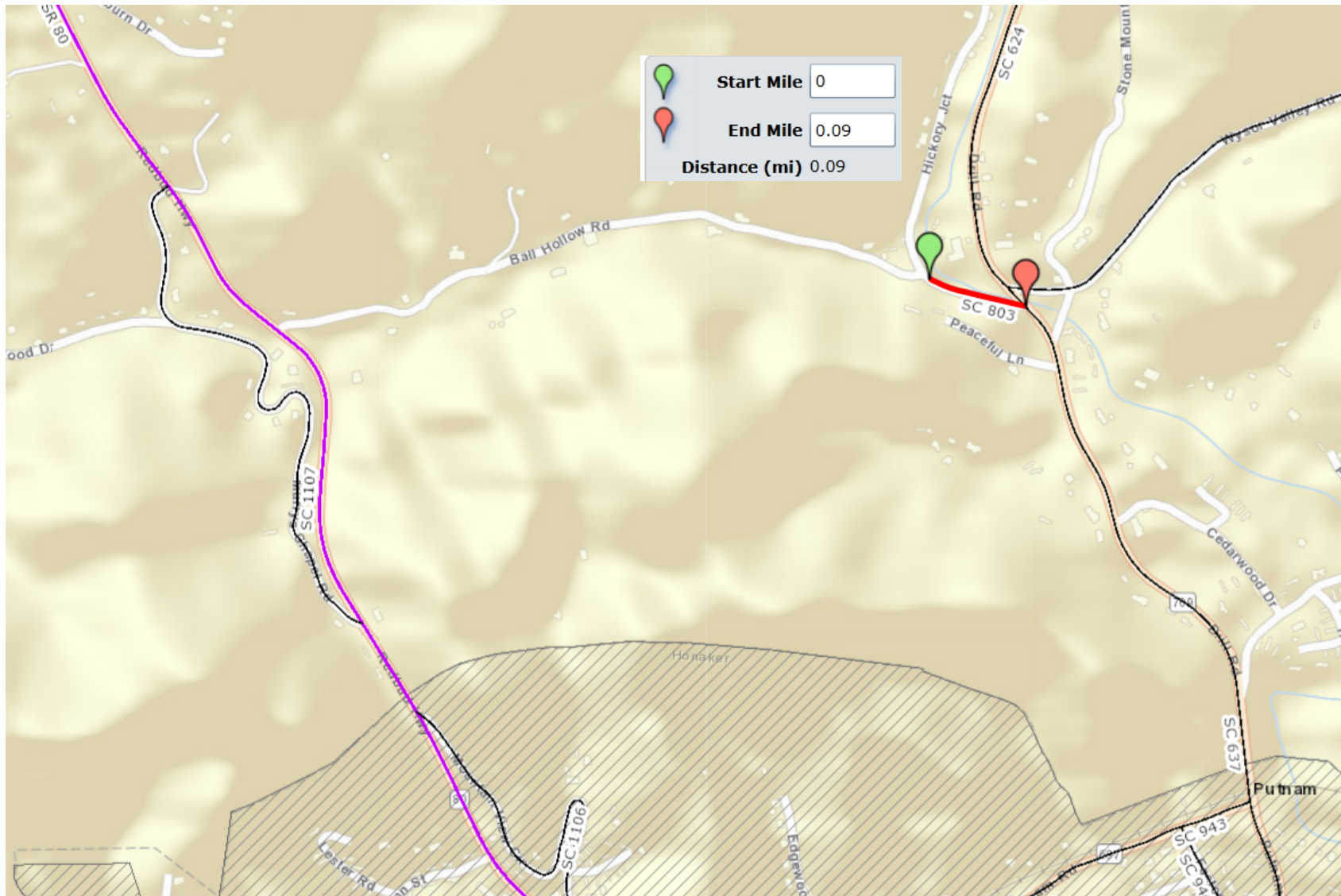
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Russell County, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that the CTB name the highway on Route 803, "Ball Road", from its intersection with Route 624 to the end of state maintenance (approximately 0.1 mile) in Russell County as the "Brandon Looney Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Russell County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming and furthermore acknowledges the naming Route 803 in no way changes the standing of the road within Virginia Department of Transportation's within the Department's system; nor does this resolution indicate the addition or planned addition of any portion of Ball Road into the Department's system beyond the 0.1 miles that is currently included in the Department's system.


Rebecca J. Dye
Board of Supervisors Chairperson

December 6, 2018
Date

ROUTE 803 – RUSSELL COUNTY LOCATION & LIMITS OF NAMING



ROUTE 803 – RUSSELL COUNTY LIMITS OF NAMING COORDINATES



ROUTE 803 – RUSSELL COUNTY NAMING VICINITY MAP

