



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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*Agenda item # 4*

### **RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**July 21, 2021**

#### **MOTION**

**Made By: Mr. Stinson, Seconded By: Ms. Hynes**  
**Action: Motion carried, unanimously**

#### **Title: Bridge Naming: “Corporal Carl Dingus Memorial Bridge”**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Wise County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated April 8, 2021, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the dedicated life, service and ultimate sacrifice to his country, his county, and his family of Corporal Carl Dingus, name the bridge on U.S. Business Route 23, Park Ave NE, over Guest River, in Esserville, Wise County as the “Corporal Carl Dingus Memorial Bridge”; and

**WHEREAS**, Wise County, by resolution dated April 8, 2021 and by letter dated June 17, 2021, has agreed to pay the cost of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming; 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.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the bridge on U.S. Business Route 23, Park Ave NE, over Guest River, in Esserville, Wise County as the “Corporal Carl Dingus Memorial Bridge”; and

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

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## **CTB Decision Brief**

### **Bridge Naming: “Corporal Carl Dingus Memorial Bridge”**

**Issue:** Commemorative naming of the bridge on U.S. Business Route 23, Park Ave NE, over Guest River, in Esserville, Wise County as the “Corporal Carl Dingus Memorial Bridge”.

**Facts:** Wise County enacted a resolution on April 8, 2021 to honor the life, dedication and ultimate sacrifice to his country, county, and family of Corporal Carl Dingus of Esserville, Wise County, Virginia.

Mr. Dingus was born in Esserville on March 3, 1944, less than a mile from the bridge in this commemorative naming. He would cross this bridge to and from school while he attended Esserville School from 1950-1952, Wise Elementary School from 1952-1957 and JJ Kelly High School from 1957-1962.

Corporal Carl Dingus was drafted into the United States Army in 1966 and was sent to Vietnam in November of 1967. He was killed in action while bravely serving his country on February 3, 1968.

**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 U.S. Business Route 23, Park Ave NE, over Guest River, in Esserville, Wise County will be known as the “Corporal Carl Dingus Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law and by resolution, Wise 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.

Wise County Board of Supervisors



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RESOLUTION

CORPORAL CARL DINGUS MEMORIAL BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the Wise County Board of Supervisors is extremely proud of their citizens, both past and present; and

WHEREAS, one of the past citizens of Esserville, Norton, Virginia, Corporal Carl Dingus, gave his all to his country, and his county and his family; and

WHEREAS, Carl Dingus was born in Esserville on March 3, 1944 less than a mile from the bridge and crossed the bridge to and from school while he attended Esserville School from 1950 to 1952, Wise Elementary School from 1952 to 1957 and JJ Kelly High School from 1957 to 1962; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Carl Dingus was drafted into the United States Army in 1966 and he was sent to Vietnam in November of 1967; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Carl Dingus was killed in action on February 3, 1968; and

WHEREAS, the Wise County Board of Supervisors wishes to show its appreciation and respect for the ultimate sacrifice of Corporal Carl Dingus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wise County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Virginia Department of Transportation to formally designate and formally name the bridge at Esserville, VA as the "Corporal Carl Dingus Memorial Bridge" to commemorate and honor Corporal Carl Dingus and the Dingus family and allow a permanent sign to be erected to recognize this honor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Wise shall pay all associated expenses in fabricating and future maintenance of the sign.

ADOPTED this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

ATTEST:

WISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

  
Michael W. Hatfield, Clerk

  
J. H. Rivers, Chairman

Wise County Board of Supervisors



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June 17, 2021

Virginia Department of Transportation  
Wise Residency  
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RE: Bridge Naming Requests

Mr. Cantrell,

This is to confirm that the Wise County Board of Supervisors agrees to pay for the fabrication, installation, and future maintenance for the signage for the following bridge naming requests:

“Corporal Carl Dingus Memorial Bridge” – Resolution adopted April 8, 2021  
“Sgt. Alfred J. Amburgey Memorial Bridge” – Resolution adopted June 10, 2021

If you should need anything further in this matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Hatfield,  
County Administrator

# Proposed Bridge Naming


Proposed Corporal Carl Dingus Memorial Bridge

GPS: 36.554798, -82.392717

Route 23 - Esserville Road/Park Avenue NE  
Wise County

Structure Number: 1901

**Legend**

-  Proposed Bridge to be named



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