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Agenda item # 10

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 15, 2021

MOTION

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

Title: Bridge Naming: “Bobby R. Johnson Memorial Bridge”

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated July 27, 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 Specialist Bobby R. Johnson, name the bridge on Route 652, Dr. Ralph Stanley Highway, over the McClure River, in Nora, Dickenson County as the “Bobby R. Johnson Memorial Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, Dickenson County, by resolution dated July 27, 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 Route 652, Dr. Ralph Stanley Highway, over the McClure River, in Nora, Dickenson County as the “Bobby R. Johnson 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 Dickenson County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: "Bobby R. Johnson Memorial Bridge"

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on Route 652, Dr. Ralph Stanley Highway, over the McClure River, in Nora, Dickenson County as the "Bobby R. Johnson Memorial Bridge".

Facts: Dickenson County enacted a resolution on July 27, 2021 to honor the life, dedication and ultimate sacrifice to his country, county and family of Specialist Bobby R. Johnson of Nora, Dickenson County, Virginia.

Mr. Johnson was the son of Joseph and Beulah Johnson and volunteered for the United States Army in November 1967. He completed his basic training in Fort Knox, Kentucky and completed Advanced Individual Training as a textile repairman at Fort Lee, Virginia.

He served in the Vietnam War beginning in May 1968 where he served our Country with bravery and honor and paid the ultimate sacrifice when he was killed on May 4, 1969.

Specialist Bobby R. Johnson earned the rank of Specialist E4 and received a National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Gallantry Cross and the Army Conduct Medal. He is listed on the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., VVM Wall Panel 26w line 111, for his ultimate sacrifice.

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 652, Dr. Ralph Stanley Highway, over the McClure River, in Nora, Dickenson County will be known as the "Bobby R. Johnson Memorial Bridge". In accordance with law and by resolution, Dickenson 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.

Dickenson County



Proposed Bridge Naming
"Bobby R. Johnson
Memorial Bridge"

Dickenson

Dr. Ralph Stanley Hwy.

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CTB MEETING: September 15, 2021

Dickenson County

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"Bobby R. Johnson Memorial Bridge"

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August 3, 2021

Jeff Sams
VDOT
703 Hurricane Road, N.E.
Wise, VA 24293

RE: "Bobby R. Johnson Memorial Bridge"

Dear Mr. Sams:

This letter is notification that Dickenson County will pay the expense for the fabrication and installation of the "Bobby R. Johnson Memorial Bridge" at Nora, Virginia. Mr. Johnson passed away on May 4, 1969.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Larry Barton
Dickenson County Administrator

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DICKENSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Bridge Located at the Intersection of Route 63 and Route 652, over the McClure River in Dickenson County, Virginia, Named as the "Bobby R. Johnson Memorial Bridge"

WHEREAS, Bobby R. Johnson was born on December 28th, 1948 in Dickenson County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, he was the son of Joseph and Beulah Johnson, and had three brothers and one sister who volunteered for service in our military; and

WHEREAS, he volunteered for the US Army in November 1967, completed basic training in Fort Knox, Kentucky, and completed Advanced Individual Training as a textile repairman at Fort Lee, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, he served in the Vietnam War beginning in May of 1968 where he served our Country with bravery and honor and paid the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation when he was killed on May 4, 1969; and

WHEREAS, he earned the Rank of Specialist E4 and received a Nation Defense Service Medal Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and Army Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, he is listed on the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C., for his ultimate sacrifice (VVM Wall Panel 26w line 111); and

WHEREAS, the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor our Dickenson County soldier who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our County, Community, and Nation; 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 Dickenson 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 at the intersection at Nora, Virginia, on Route 63 and Route 652 that is over the McClure River in Dickenson County, Virginia, as the Bobby R. Johnson Memorial Bridge.

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

Adopted this 27th day of July, 2021.

By: DICKENSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Josh Evans, Chairman

Attest:


Clerk

Proposed Bridge Naming

Proposed Bobby R. Johnson Memorial Bridge

GPS: 37.041028, -82.204466

Route 652 - Dr Ralph Stanley Highway

Structure Number: 6122

Over: McClure River

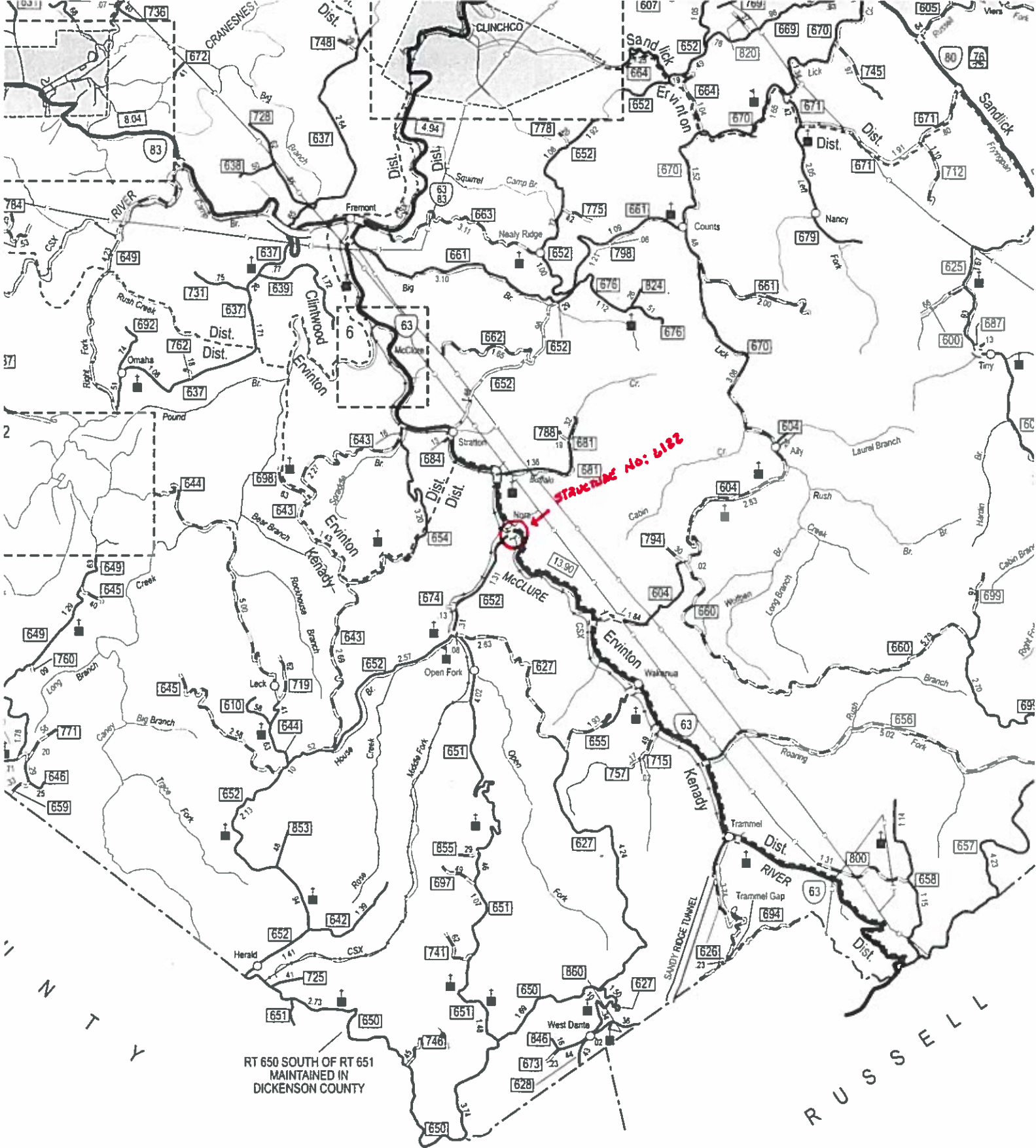
Legend

 Proposed Bridge to be named

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