



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 2

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

June 21, 2022

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Fowlkes **Seconded By:** Mr. Johnsen
Action: Motion carried, unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: “John H. Cubine Memorial Bridge”

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Town Council of the Town of Big Stone Gap has requested, by resolution dated November 9, 2021, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor the life and outstanding community service of John H. Cubine, name the bridge on Shawnee Avenue West, over the south fork of the Powell River, Town of Big Stone Gap, as the “John H. Cubine Memorial Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Big Stone Gap, by resolution dated November 9, 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 Shawnee Avenue West, over the south fork of the Powell River, Town of Big Stone Gap, as the “John H. Cubine Memorial Bridge”.

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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 the Town of Big Stone Gap for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief
Bridge Naming: “John H. Cubine Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on Shawnee Avenue West, over the south fork of the Powell River, Town of Big Stone Gap, as the “John H. Cubine Memorial Bridge”.

Facts: The Town Council of the Town of Big Stone Gap enacted a resolution on November 9, 2021 to honor the life and service to his community of John H. Cubine.

According to that resolution, Mr. Cubine was a lifetime resident of Wise County and a valuable member of the business community. He attended Appalachia High School and retired from Interstate/Norfolk-Southern Railroad after 22 years of service.

He created and opened the Jessie Lea RV Park and Campground in 2005 and was awarded the Business of the Year by the Gap Corporation in 2006. He created highly-acclaimed woodcarvings in trees in and around the Campground and was a founding member of the Mountain Traditions Woodcarvers, a highly respected and widely-acclaimed group of skilled artisans. His efforts to make people feel welcome when visiting Big Stone Gap contributed greatly to the advancement of economic benefits for the Town through the promotion of tourism.

Mr. Cubine passed away on September 14, 2021.

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 Shawnee Avenue West, over the south fork of the Powell River, Town of Big Stone Gap, will be known as the “John H. Cubine Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law and by resolution, the Town of Big Stone Gap 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2021

BEING A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NAMING OF THE BRIDGE ON SHAWNEE AVENUE WEST OVER THE SOUTH FORK OF THE POWELL RIVER IN THE TOWN OF BIG STONE GAP AS THE “JOHN H. CUBINE MEMORIAL BRIDGE”

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, is committed to recognizing outstanding community service made by its citizens to the Town and the residents of Big Stone Gap; and

WHEREAS, John H. Cubine, a lifetime resident of Wise County and a valuable member of the business community of the Town of Big Stone Gap, died on September 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Johnny was raised in Appalachia, Virginia where he attended Appalachia High School and retired from Interstate/Norfolk-Southern Railroad after 22 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Johnny fulfilled his dream of creating a business in Big Stone Gap when he opened the Jessie Lea RV Park and Campground in 2005 and was awarded Business of the Year by the Gap Corporation in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Johnny created highly-acclaimed woodcarvings in trees in and around the Jesse Lea RV Park and Campgrounds for all the residents of Big Stone Gap to enjoy and was a founding member of the Mountain Traditions Woodcarvers, a highly respected and widely-acclaimed group of skilled artisans from our region; and

WHEREAS, Johnny worked hard to make his guests feel at home in Big Stone Gap, treasuring the enduring friendships he made over the years, while contributing greatly to the advancement of economic benefits for the Town through the promotion of tourism; 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 the Council of the Town of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that the CTB name the bridge on Shawnee Avenue West that spans the South Fork of the Powell River off Wood Ave West (Highway 58) in the Town of Big Stone Gap as the “John H. Cubine Memorial Bridge”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Big Stone Gap agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming;

ADOPTED this 9th day of November, 2021.

TOWN OF BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA

BY:


Gary P. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda L. Hawkins
Town Clerk/Treasurer

RECORDED VOTE:

AYES: Bailey, Bloomer, Gilley, Hughes, Johnson, Lyke, McKinney

NAYES: None **ABSENT:** None **ABSTAIN:** None

Proposed Bridge Naming

Proposed "JOHN H. CUBINE MEMORIAL BRIDGE"

GPS: 36.513460, -82.470935

Route: Shawnee Avenue W

Structure No.: 8002

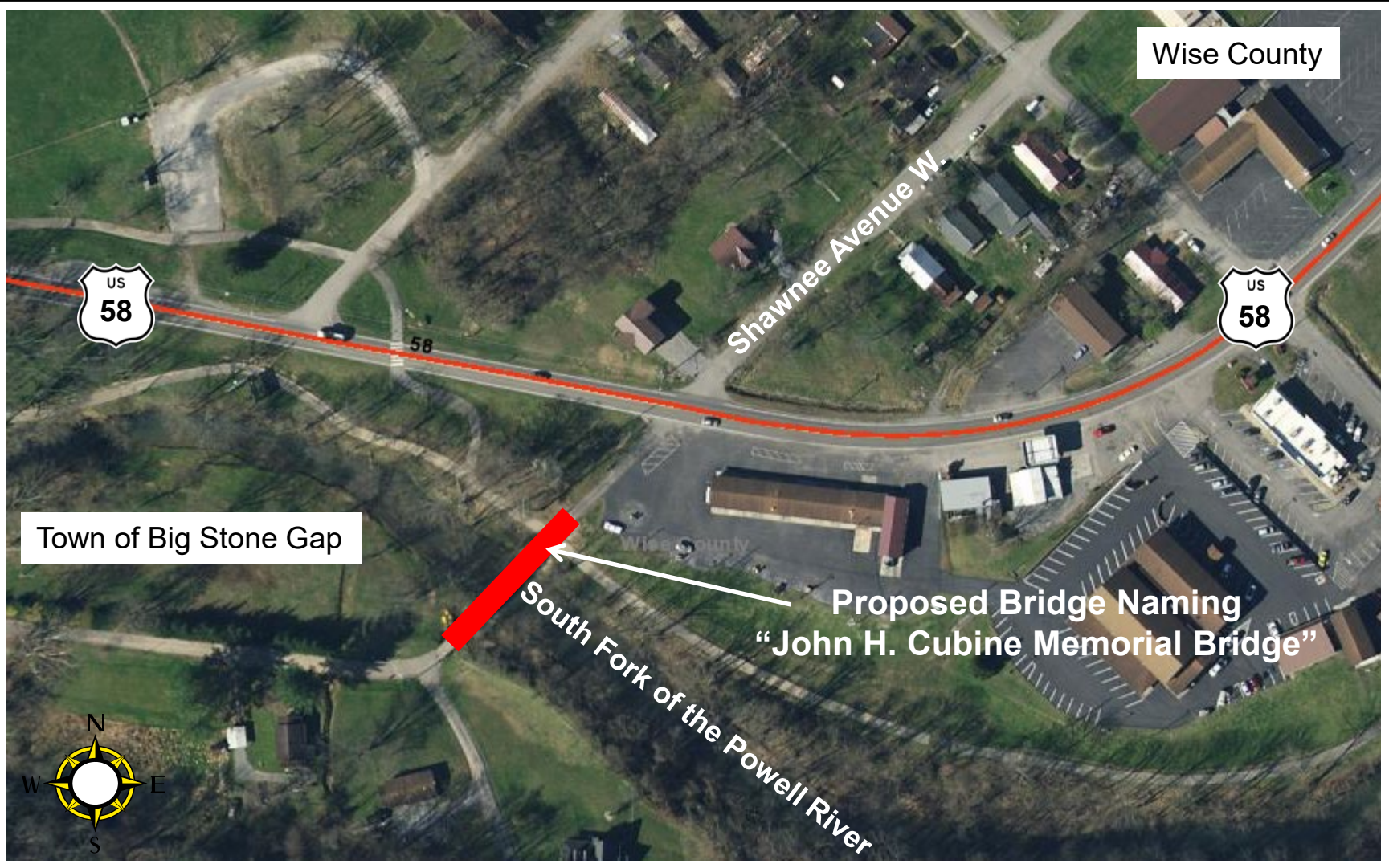
Over: South Fork of Powell River

Legend

 Proposed Bridge to be Named

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Wise County



Shawnee Avenue W.

Town of Big Stone Gap

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South Fork of the Powell River



VDOT
Virginia Department of Transportation
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