



## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

### Commonwealth Transportation Board

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*Agenda item # 2*

#### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 21, 2022

#### MOTION

**Made By:** Mr. Stant **Seconded By:** Mr. Dodson  
**Action:** Motion carried, unanimously

#### **Title: Bridge Naming: “Eddie Ramey Memorial Bridge”**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Lee County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated May 17, 2022, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor the life, sacrifices and outstanding commitment to his community and country of Eddie Lee Ramey, name the bridge on U.S. Route 58, Jones Street, over Town Branch, Lee County, as the “Eddie Ramey Memorial Bridge”; and

**WHEREAS**, Lee County, by letter dated June 2, 2022 has agreed to be responsible for payment of all sign costs billed by the Virginia Department of Transportation calling attention to this naming, which will include the costs to produce, place, and maintain the signs; 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. Route 58, Jones Street, over Town Branch, Lee County, as the “Eddie Ramey 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 Lee County for these costs as required by law.

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## **CTB Decision Brief**

### Bridge Naming: “Eddie Ramey Memorial Bridge”

**Issue:** Commemorative naming of the bridge on U.S. Route 58, Jones Street, over Town Branch, Lee County, as the “Eddie Ramey Memorial Bridge”.

**Facts:** The Lee County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on May 17, 2022 to honor the life, sacrifices and service to his community and country of Eddie Lee Ramey.

According to that resolution, Mr. Ramey was born on October 12, 1946 near Jonesville, Virginia. He attended Oak Grove and Jonesville Elementary Schools and graduated from Jonesville High School where he played football and ran track.

He volunteered for the United States Marine Corps, serving from 1966-1968 and volunteered for one tour of duty in Vietnam. Lance Corporal Ramey was wounded on February 20, 1967 while working with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Marines in Quang Ngai Province, suffering the loss of his right leg, right eye, and many other wounds, which he endured for the remainder of his life. He spent 13 months recovering in Naval hospitals and was awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

After his discharge from the Marine Corps, he married Geraldine Shuler Ramey and raised three children. He continued to Lincoln Memorial University where he graduated in 1975 with a degree in Business and Accounting. His work career included running a newspaper route with his wife, working as an insurance agent, co-owner and operator of Ramey Gun Shop, working for District I Employment Training and at his death was a bookkeeper for a local contractor.

Mr. Ramey was active in his community as a member of Mount Hope Baptist Church serving as a deacon and Sunday School teacher. He was also a charter member of Boone Trail Archery Club and served as Secretary for the Lee County Horse and Hunting Club.

Mr. Ramey departed this life on December 3, 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 U.S. Route 58, Jones Street, over Town Branch, Lee County, will be known as the “Eddie Ramey Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law and by letter dated June 2, 2022, Lee 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.

**RESOLUTION**  
**22-009**

**WHEREAS**, Eddie Lee Ramey was born October 12, 1946 near Jonesville, Virginia, the son of Clarence and Zollic Ramey; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ramey attended Oak Grove and Jonesville Elementary Schools and graduated from Jonesville High School in 1965 where he played football and ran track; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ramey volunteered for the U.S. Marine Corps, serving from 1966-1968 and volunteered for a tour of duty in Vietnam. Lance Corporal Ramey was wounded on February 20, 1967 while working with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Marines in Quang Ngai Province suffering the loss of his right leg, right eye and many other wounds that he endured for the remainder of his life; and

**WHEREAS**, Lance Corporal Ramey spent 13 months recuperating in Naval hospitals and was awarded the Purple Heart medal; and

**WHEREAS**, after his discharge from the Marine Corp, Mr. Ramey married Geraldine Shuler Ramey and raised three children, son Jordan and daughters Melissa and Brooke. He commuted to Lincoln Memorial University graduating in 1975 with a degree in Business and Accounting. Mr. Ramey's work career included running a newspaper route with his wife, working as an insurance agent, co-owner and operator of Ramey Gun Shop along with his brother Audrey, he worked for District 1 Employment Training, and at his death was a bookkeeper for a local contractor; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ramey was active in his community as a member of Mount Hope Baptist Church serving as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher, he was a charter member of the Christianaires Gospel Quartet singing tenor, was a charter member of Boone Trail Archery Club and served as Secretary for the Lee County Horse and Hunting Club; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Ramey departed this life on December 3, 2021. Preceded in death by his wife and one brother, he was survived by his three children, four grandchildren, one great-grandchild, one sister and five brothers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, to commemorate the life of Eddie Lee Ramey, the Lee County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Virginia Department of Transportation formally designate the U.S. Highway 58 bridge over Town Branch just east of Route T648 as the "Eddie Ramey Memorial Bridge".

Adopted this the 17th day of May, 2022.



  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

# Proposed Bridge Naming

Proposed Eddie Ramey Memorial Bridge

Lee County

GPS: 36.411473 -83.061231

Route 58 - Wilderness Road

Structure Number: 1044

Over: Town Branch

## Legend

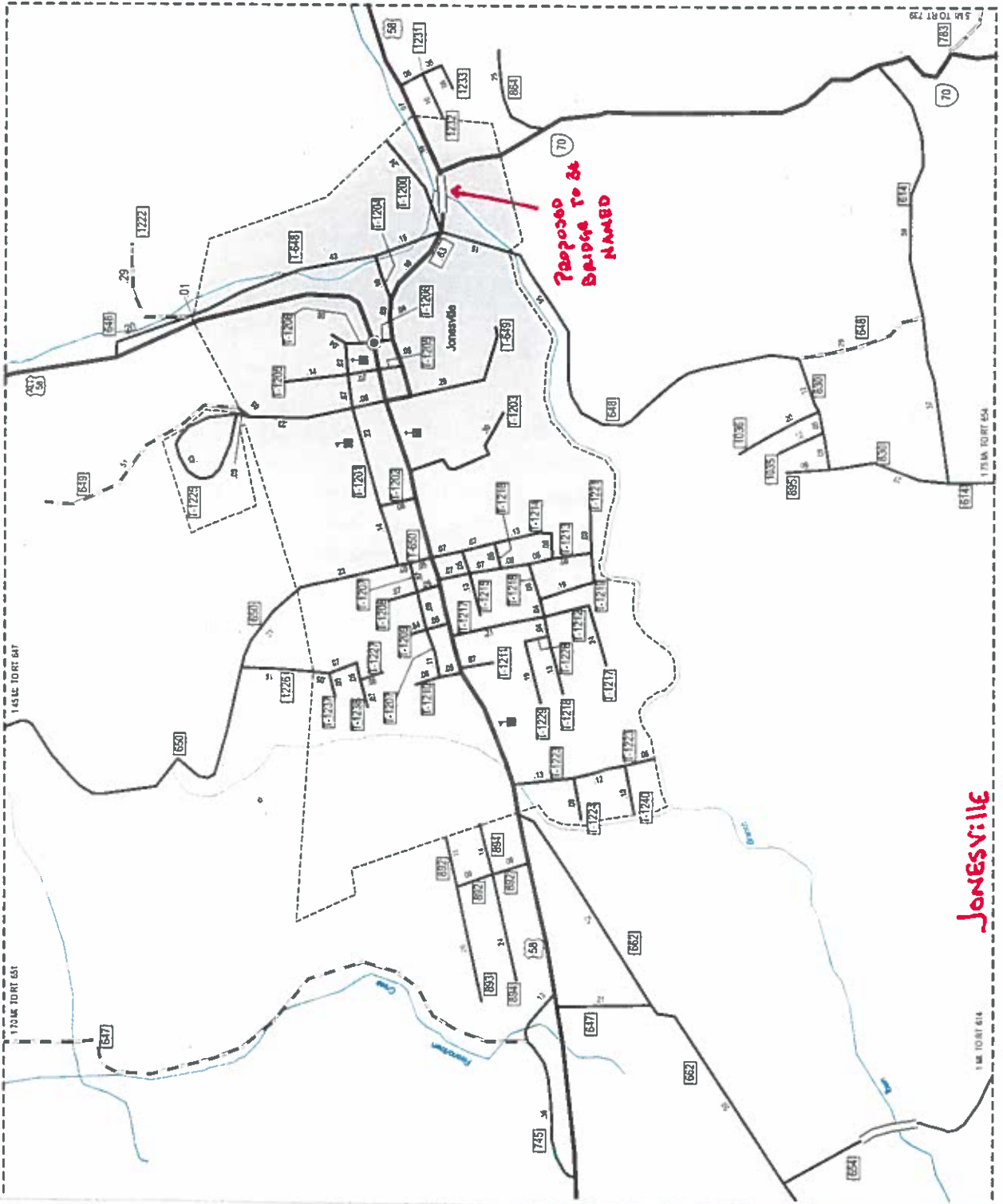
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JONESVILLE  
LEE COUNTY



# Lee County Board of Supervisors

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June 2, 2022

Mr. Paul Matticks, Resident Administrator  
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Virginia Department of Transportation  
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Dear Mr. Matticks:

Enclosed please find a copy of a resolution adopted by the Lee County Board of Supervisors on May 17, 2022 requesting the naming of the U.S. Highway 58 bridge over Town Branch, just east of Route 1648 in the Town of Jonesville, as the Eddie Ramey Memorial Bridge. The Jonesville Town Council has concurred in this action since it is physically located within the town limits.

We also acknowledge that the Lee County Board of Supervisors will be responsible for payment of all sign costs billed by the Department of Transportation.

If you should have any questions or need further information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

D. Dane Poe  
County Administrator

Enclosure



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