



## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

### Commonwealth Transportation Board

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*Agenda item # 1*

### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

February 18, 2025

#### MOTION

**Made By:** Mr. Fowlkes, **Seconded By:** Ms. Sellers

**Action:** Motion Carried, Unanimously

#### **Title: Bridge Naming: “Nathaniel Clayton Ewing, MD 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 December 17, 2024, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life and service to his community of Nathaniel Clayton Ewing, MD, name the bridge on Route 654, Hurricane Bridge Road, Lee County, over Martin Creek, as the “Nathaniel Clayton Ewing, MD Memorial Bridge”; and

**WHEREAS**, Lee County, by letter dated January 6, 2025, 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 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 654, Hurricane Bridge Road, Lee County, over Martin Creek, as the “Nathaniel Clayton Ewing, MD 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: “Nathaniel Clayton Ewing, MD Memorial Bridge”

**Issue:** Commemorative naming, at the request of Lee County, of the bridge on Route 654, Hurricane Bridge Road, Lee County, over Martin Creek, as the “Nathaniel Clayton Ewing, MD Memorial Bridge”.

**Facts:** The Lee County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on December 17, 2024, to honor the life and service to his community of Nathaniel Clayton Ewing, MD.

According to that resolution, Dr. Ewing was born on May 6, 1913, and lived his whole life in Lee County. He graduated from Emory and Henry College and the University of Virginia Medical School. He spent his entire career serving the citizens of Lee County.

Dr. Ewing volunteered in many local organizations such as the Jonesville Fire Department where he served for 50 years. He also volunteered his services to the Lee County Jail and was the Jonesville High School Team Doctor for 30 years.

He also served as REA Director for 15 years, Director of Ewing Bank for many years and as Mayor of the Town of Jonesville, Virginia in the 1950s.

He practiced medicine out of his office in Jonesville, his home office, and also served Lee County citizens by making house calls when called upon. He owned and worked on a farm in the Martin Creek area and was an avid hunter and fisherman enjoying the wildlife and land of Lee County with his family.

Dr. Nathaniel Clayton Ewing passed away on April 2, 1985.

**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 654, Hurricane Bridge Road, Lee County, over Martin Creek, will be known as the “Nathaniel Clayton Ewing, MD Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law, and by letter dated January 6, 2025, 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 has not received any public comments on this proposal.

**RESOLUTION  
24-018**

**WHEREAS**, Nathaniel Clayton Ewing, MD was born to parents Effie Pearl Albert Ewing and James Shelburne Ewing on May 6, 1913 living his whole life in Lee County; and,

**WHEREAS**, Nathaniel Clayton Ewing, MD graduated from Emory & Henry College and the University of Virginia Medical School and spent his entire career serving the citizens of Lee County; and

**WHEREAS**, Nathaniel Clayton Ewing, MD volunteered in many local organizations such as Jonesville Fire Department for 50 years, volunteered his services to the Lee County Jail as well as Jonesville High School Team Doctor for 30 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Nathaniel Clayton Ewing, MD serving as REA Director for 15 years, Director of Ewing Bank for many years as well as served as Mayor of the Town of Jonesville, VA in the 1950's; and

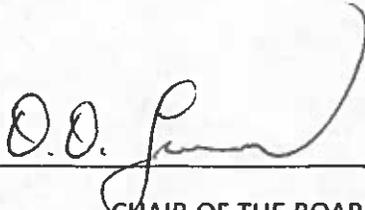
**WHEREAS**, Nathaniel Clayton Ewing, MD practiced medicine out of his office in Jonesville, his home office and also served Lee County citizens by making house calls when called upon; and

**WHEREAS**, Nathaniel Clayton Ewing, MD owned and worked on a farm in the Martin Creek area, was an avid hunter and fisherman enjoying the wildlife and land of Lee County with his family;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Lee County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the requirements of Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, does hereby request the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Virginia Department of Transportation formally designate and name the bridge over Martin Creek on Route 654 (Hurricane Bridge Road) as the "Nathaniel Clayton Ewing, MD. Memorial Bridge".

Adopted this the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2024



  
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CHAIR OF THE BOARD



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January 6, 2025

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Mr. Cantrell,

This letter is to confirm that the Lee County Board of Supervisors will pay the costs of fabrication, installation, and maintaining the signs for the "Nathaniel Clayton Ewing, MD. Memorial Bridge. Dr. Ewing passed away on April 2, 1985.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me using the information above,

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Robert C. Wright  
County Administrator

# Proposed Bridge Naming

Nathaniel Clayton Ewing, MD. Memorial Bridge

GPS: 36.374383, -83.071625

Route 654 - Hurricane Bridge Road

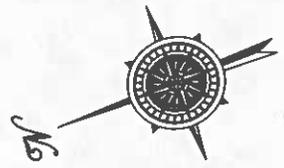
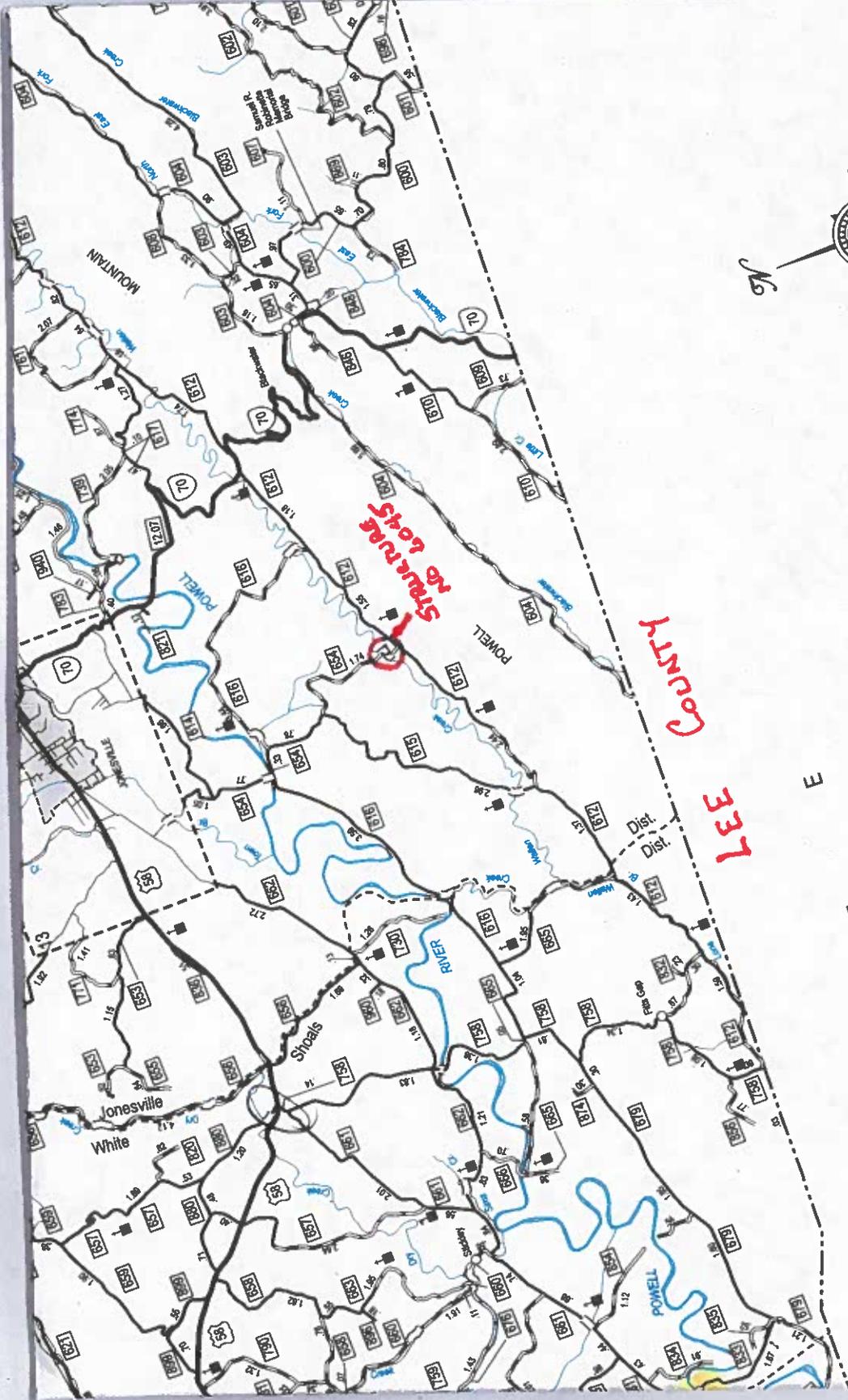
Structure No: 6045

Over: Martin Creek

## Legend

-  7465 Hurricane Brg Rd
-  Proposed Bridge Naming





POWELL COUNTY

337

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Sturges No. 4045

MOUNTAIN

POWELL

REAR

POWELL

Lonesville  
White

Shoats

Lee County

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654

612

Hurricane  
Bridge Rd.

Lower Wallens Creek Rd.



Virginia Department of Transportation  
Maintenance Division

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