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Agenda item # 2

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

February 18, 2025

MOTION

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

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: “Police Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson, Jr. (Unit 12) Memorial Highway”

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Town of Clarksville Town Council has requested, by resolution dated September 17, 2024, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life, service and ultimate sacrifice to his community of Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson, Jr., name the section of U.S. Highway 58 Business, Virginia Avenue, from the intersection of U.S. Highway 58 Bypass at the western boundary of the Town of Clarksville to the intersection of U.S. Highway 15 at the eastern side of the Phillip Saint Julian Wilson Bridge, as the “Police Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson, Jr. (Unit 12) Memorial Highway”; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clarksville, by letter dated December 10, 2024, 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, Mecklenburg County, in a letter dated December 18, 2024, and Halifax County, in a letter dated January 6, 2025, have indicated their support of this naming as portions of the highway are also located in Mecklenburg County and Halifax County; 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

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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 section of U.S. Highway 58 Business, Virginia Avenue, from the intersection of U.S. Highway 58 Bypass at the western boundary of the Town of Clarksville to the intersection of U.S. Highway 15 at the eastern side of the Phillip Saint Julian Wilson Bridge, as the "Police Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson, Jr. (Unit 12) Memorial Highway".

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 Clarksville for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “Police Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson, Jr. (Unit 12) Memorial Highway”

Issue: Commemorative naming, at the request of the Town of Clarksville, of the section of U.S. Highway 58 Business, Virginia Avenue, from the intersection of U.S. Highway 58 Bypass at the western boundary of the Town of Clarksville to the intersection of U.S. Highway 15 at the eastern side of the Phillip Saint Julian Wilson Bridge, as the “Police Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson, Jr. (Unit 12) Memorial Highway”.

Facts: The Town of Clarksville Town Council enacted a resolution on September 17, 2024, to honor the life, service and ultimate sacrifice of Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson, Jr. to his community.

According to that resolution and a letter submitted from the Town Manager on September 18, 2024, Officer Lawson was a dedicated and brave officer for the Town of Clarksville Police Department. He was a 1981 graduate of Bluestone High School and graduated from the Central Virginia Justice Academy Class 21 Basic LE School on June 14, 1984.

He was a loving brother, son, husband and proud father of two daughters, Chris and Beth.

On March 12, 1985, Officer Lawson and Sergeant Ricky Wilkinson were in pursuit of a known DUI driver who was attempting to locate the officer who had arrested him earlier that evening as he had been released on bond. Officer Lawson and Sergeant Wilkinson stopped the vehicle and were attempting to apprehend the driver. The driver exited the vehicle and began shooting at the officers. The officers returned fire and the driver was neutralized and arrested.

Unfortunately, Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson, Jr. was shot and killed in the line of duty during the exchange of gunfire. His brave and heroic actions in the protection of his fellow officer and the citizens of Clarksville deserve to be recognized.

Mecklenburg County, in a letter dated December 18, 2024, and Halifax County, in a letter dated January 6, 2025, have indicated their support of this naming as portions of the highway are also located in Mecklenburg County and Halifax County.

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 section of U.S. Highway 58 Business, Virginia Avenue, from the intersection of U.S. Highway 58 Bypass at the western boundary of the Town of Clarksville to the intersection of U.S. Highway 15 at the eastern side of the Phillip Saint Julian Wilson Bridge, will be known as the “Police Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson, Jr. (Unit 12) Memorial Highway”. In accordance with law, and by letter dated December 10, 2024, the Town of Clarksville 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.



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January 6, 2025

W. Sheppard Miller, III
Chairperson
Commonwealth Transportation Board
1401 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Subject: Highway 58 Business Dedication, Town of Clarksville

Dear Chair Miller:

Halifax County hereby submits its support for the resolution adopted by the Council of the Town of Clarksville on September 17, 2024, which requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board dedicate a section of Highway 58 Business in memory of Town Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson, Jr. As evidenced by the mapping, a portion of this section of highway is located in Halifax County due to it crossing the submerged land below the lake.

Officer Lawson provided the highest level of sacrifice and we can think of no better method for recognizing Officer Lawson's sacrifice than dedicating a portion of Highway 58 Business in his memory.

Therefore, we ask that the Commonwealth Transportation Board grant the Town of Clarksville's request.

Sincerely,


Scott R. Simpson, PE, MPA
County Administrator



Mecklenburg County
Office of the County Administrator

Post Office Box 307 • Boydton, Virginia 23917

Alex Gottschalk
County Administrator

December 18, 2024

The Commonwealth Transportation Board
Richmond, Virginia

Subject: Highway 58 Business Dedication, Town of Clarksville

On behalf of Mecklenburg County, I hereby submit my support for the resolution adopted by the Council of the Town of Clarksville on September 17, 2024, which requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board dedicate a section of Highway 58 Business for Town Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson, Junior. This section of the highway is located in Mecklenburg County and a portion of the highway is located in the County outside of Town limits.

Officer Lawson provided the highest level of commitment that any local community can ever ask from those dedicated to serve and protect the entire community. As Governor Glenn Youngkin set out in his proclamation recognizing Virginia Police Week and Peace Officers Memorial Day, "it is vital that we pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who have fallen in the line of duty and recognize their sacrifices, as well as the hardship and loss suffered by the families of those fallen officers." Officer Lawson, as much as anyone, qualifies under this standard, and I can think of no better method for recognizing Officer Lawson's sacrifice than dedicating a portion of Highway 58 Business in his favor.

Therefore, I ask that the Commonwealth Transportation Board **grant** the Town of Clarksville's submission.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alex Gottschalk".



TOWN OF
Clarksville
VIRGINIA

September 18, 2024

Mr. W. Sheppard Miller, III
Secretary of Transportation
Chairman of Commonwealth Transportation Board
Post Office Box 1475
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Chairman Miller:

In accordance with §33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, I write to the Commonwealth Transportation Board on behalf of the family of Police Officer Glenn Lawson, Jr., the Town of Clarksville, and the Clarksville Police Department who jointly request that the section of Highway 58 Business from the intersection of Highway 15 & 58 at the eastern side of the Phillip Saint Julian Wilson Bridge to the intersection of Highway 58 Business and Highway 58 Bypass at the western boundary of the Town of Clarksville to be memorialized as "Police Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson Jr. (Unit 12) Memorial Highway".

On March 12, 1985, Officer Glenn Lawson and Sergeant Ricky Wilkinson were in pursuit of a known DUI driver who had been arrested and released on bond and was attempting to locate the officer who had arrested him earlier that evening. Officer Lawson and Sergeant Wilkinson stopped the vehicle and were attempting to apprehend the driver. The driver exited the vehicle and began shooting a shot gun at the officers. The officers returned fire and the driver was neutralized and arrested but unfortunately Officer Lawson was shot and killed during the exchange of gun fire.

Officer Lawson was a loving husband and father of two very young daughters at the time. Officer Lawson was also survived by his parents and sister. Officer Glenn Lawson's brave and heroic actions in the protection of his fellow officer and the citizens in Clarksville deserve to be recognized. Officer Lawson made the ultimate sacrifice and his dedicated service will never be forgotten.

On behalf of the Town of Clarksville and the Clarksville Police Department, I fully support memorializing the section of road in honor of Officer Lawson.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please advise of any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey H. Jones
Town Manager



TOWN OF
Clarksville
VIRGINIA

TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION FOR HARVEY GLENN LAWSON
MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, the Town Council is the elected governing body for the Town of Clarksville, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson Jr. was a dedicated and brave officer for the Town of Clarksville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson Jr. was a 1981 graduate of Bluestone High School; and

WHEREAS, Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson Jr. graduated from the Central Virginia Justice Academy Class 21 Basic LE School on June 14, 1984; and

WHEREAS, Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson Jr. was a loving husband, father, brother, and son; and

WHEREAS, Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson Jr. was the proud father of two daughters, Chris and Beth; and

WHEREAS, Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson Jr. made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty for his fellow officers, residents, and visitors to the Town of Clarksville on March 12, 1985; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council, the Clarksville Police Department, and the Citizens of Clarksville would like to formally recognize and thank Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson Jr. on his heroic and dedicated actions in performance of his duty as a Law Enforcement Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council, Clarksville Police Department, and the Citizens of Clarksville would like to Memorialize Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson Jr. by formally requesting the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to dedicate the section of Highway 58 Business from the intersection of Highway 15 & 58 at the eastern side of the Phillip Saint Julian Wilson Bridge to the intersection of Highway 58 Business and Highway 58 Bypass at the western boundary of the Town of Clarksville to be memorialized as "Police Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson Jr. (Unit 12) Memorial Highway".

Adopted this 17th day of September, 2024 by the Clarksville Town Council.

ATTEST:

Honorable Bruce F. Woerner – Mayor

Ms. Tara Murphy – Town Clerk



TOWN OF
Clarksville
VIRGINIA

December 10, 2024

Mr. W. Sheppard Miller, III
Secretary of Transportation
Chairman of Commonwealth Transportation Board
Post Office Box 1475
Richmond, VA 23218

Dear Chairman Miller:

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Clarksville and the family of Police Officer Glenn Lawson, Jr., who jointly in a written letter on September 18, 2024 requested that the section of Highway 58 Business from the intersection of Highway 15 & 58 at the eastern side of the Phillip Saint Julian Wilson Bridge to the intersection of Highway 58 Business and Highway 58 Bypass at the western boundary of the Town of Clarksville to be memorialized as "Police Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson Jr. (Unit 12) Memorial Highway".

In a recent follow-up on the status of the request, I was made aware that the Town of Clarksville needed to provide acceptance and approval for the costs related to the signage and expenses related to the memorialized highway.

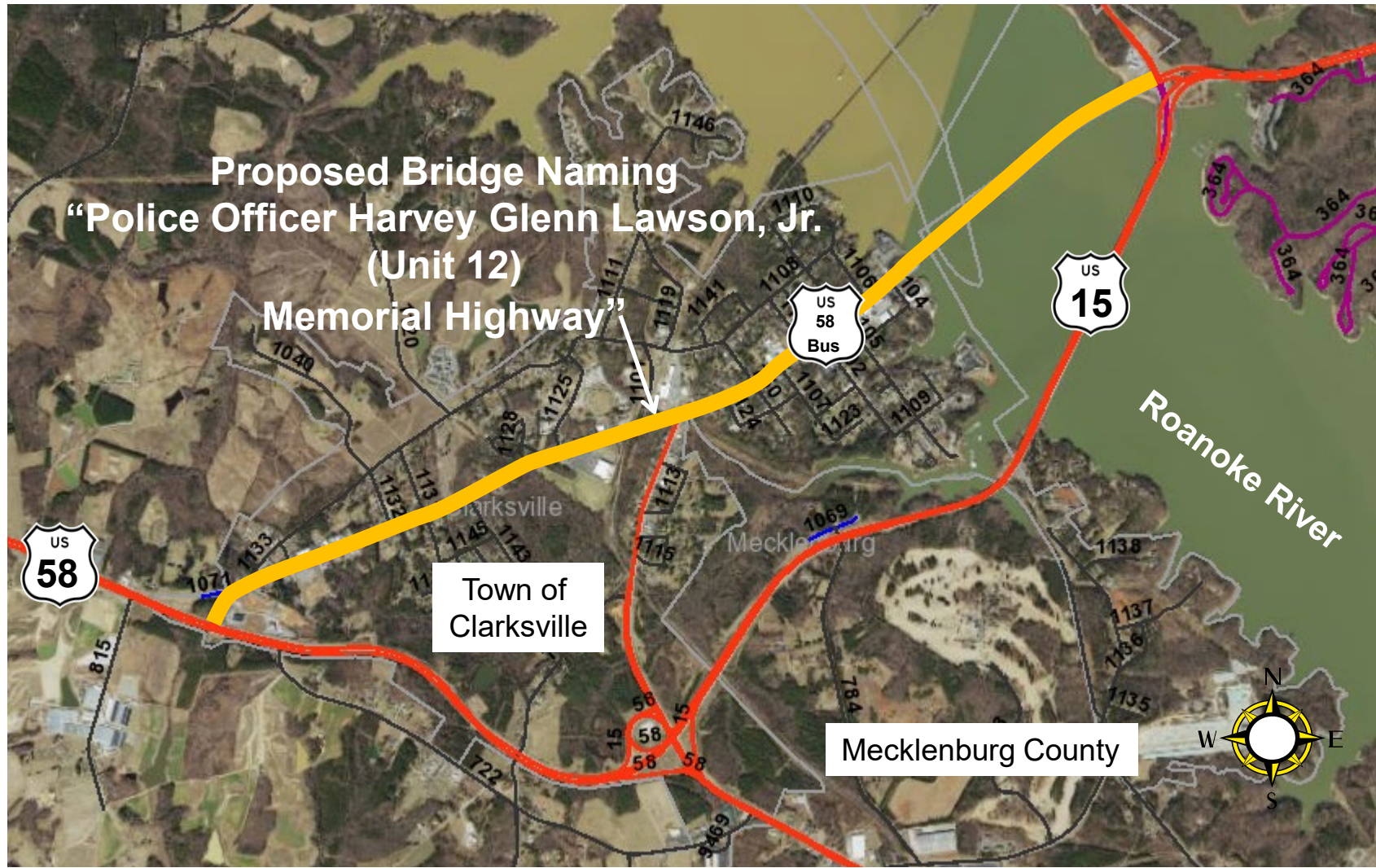
I verify and approve that the Town of Clarksville will handle all the related expenses for the implementation and maintenance of signage and expenses related to the memorialization of the Harvey Glenn Lawson Memorial Highway.

If you have any questions or concerns, please advise.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please advise of any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey H. Jones
Town Manager



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"Police Officer Harvey Glenn Lawson, Jr.
(Unit 12)
Memorial Highway"**

**Town of
Clarksville**

Mecklenburg County



Maintenance Division
CTB MEETING: February 18, 2025

Town of Clarksville
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