



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 2

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

March 18, 2026

MOTION

Made By: Ms. Dunlop, **Seconded By:** Dr. Smoot

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: “Master Officer Jeremy Lewis Hall Memorial Bridge”

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, Joseph W. Walters, Director of the Department of Corrections, has requested, by letter dated January 23, 2026, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life, service to the citizens of Virginia and the Department of Corrections, and ultimate sacrifice of Master Officer Jeremy Lewis Hall, name the bridge on U.S. Route 21, Elk Creek Parkway, over Elk Creek, Grayson County, as the “Master Officer Jeremy Lewis Hall Memorial Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, § 33.2-213 provides that any naming for a state official killed during the performance of his official duties shall require a letter or resolution from the head of the state agency by which the state official was employed requesting such naming; and

WHEREAS, the Grayson County Board of Supervisors, on January 22, 2026, submitted a letter indicating that a resolution was duly adopted by the Grayson County Board of Supervisors on January 8, 2026, requesting 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

WHEREAS, § 33.2-213 provides that for any state highway, bridge, interchange or other transportation facility named after a state official killed during the performance of his official

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duties, the costs of producing, placing and maintaining those signs shall be paid from Commonwealth Transportation Funds.

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 21, Elk Creek Parkway, over Elk Creek, Grayson County, as the "Master Officer Jeremy Lewis Hall Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to produce, place, and maintain the signs calling attention to this naming using Commonwealth Transportation Funds to cover the costs thereof as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “Master Officer Jeremy Lewis Hall Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on U.S. Route 21, Elk Creek Parkway, over Elk Creek, Grayson County, as the “Master Officer Jeremy Lewis Hall Memorial Bridge”.

Facts: Pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, no name shall be given to any state highway, bridge, interchange, or other transportation facility by the Board unless and until the Board receives (i) for a naming after a state official, a letter or resolution from the head of the state agency by which the state official was employed requesting such naming or (ii) for a naming other than after a state official, a resolution from the governing body of the locality within which a portion of the facility to be named is located requesting such naming. Further, pursuant to this section, for a highway, bridge, interchange, or other transportation facility named after a state official killed during the performance of his official duties, the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining these signs shall be paid from Commonwealth Transportation Funds. For purposes of § 33.2-213, "state official" includes [but is not limited to] law-enforcement officers employed by the Department of State Police and state highway transportation workers.

Pursuant to the rules of statutory construction set out in Title 1, Article 2 of the *Code of Virginia*, § 1-218 defines "Includes" to mean "includes, but not limited to".

In accord with § 33.2-213, Joseph W. Walters, Director of the Department of Corrections, on January 23, 2026, submitted a letter requesting the CTB to name the bridge on U.S. Route 21, Elk Creek Parkway, over Elk Creek, Grayson County, for Master Officer Jeremy Lewis Hall, who lost his life in the line of duty with the Department of Corrections.

According to that letter, Master Officer Hall joined the Virginia Department of Corrections in April 2024 and worked at River North Correctional Center.

On November 17, 2025, Master Officer Jeremy Lewis Hall was assaulted by an inmate and shortly after, succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased while in the hospital.

On January 8, 2026, the Grayson County Board of Supervisors approved their support for this commemorative naming and provided formal notice of their approval in a letter submitted to the Secretary of Transportation on January 22, 2026.

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 21, Elk Creek Parkway, over Elk Creek, Grayson County, will be known as the “Master Officer Jeremy Lewis Hall Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with § 33.2-213, for any state highway, bridge, interchange or other transportation

facility named after a state official killed during the performance of his official duties, the costs of producing, placing and maintaining those signs shall be paid from Commonwealth Transportation Funds. Therefore, VDOT will utilize Commonwealth Transportation Funds to pay for 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.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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January 23, 2026

The Honorable Nick M. Donohue
Secretary of Transportation
Commonwealth Transportation Board Chairman
Virginia Department of Transportation
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Dear Secretary Donohue:

In accordance with §33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Virginia Department of Corrections respectfully requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to grant approval for the bridge on Route 21, Elk Creek Parkway, over Elk Creek in Grayson County, Virginia be named the Master Officer Jeremy Lewis Hall Memorial Bridge. The Grayson County Administrator, Steve Boyer, recommended the naming of a bridge because of Master Officer Hall's service to the citizens of Virginia and the Virginia Department of Corrections. I believe it is fitting to honor his ultimate sacrifice.

Master Officer Jeremy Lewis Hall joined the Virginia Department of Corrections in April 2024 and worked at River North Correctional Center. On November 17, 2025, Master Officer Jeremy Lewis Hall was assaulted by an inmate. Shortly after, he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

I appreciate your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Walters", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joseph W. Walters
Director

cc: Secretary Meador



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January 22, 2026

Mr. Nick Donohue
Secretary of Transportation
Commonwealth Transportation Board Chairman

RE: Approval of the Naming of the Master Officer Jermey Lewis Hall Memorial Bridge

Dear Mr. Donohue,

This letter serves as formal notice of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors' approval of the naming of the bridge on Route 21, Elk Creek Parkway, over Elk Creek in Grayson County, Virginia, in honor of Master Officer Jermey Lewis Hall.

Master Officer Hall faithfully served his community with honor, courage, and dedication. Officer Hall lost his life in the line of duty on November 17, 2025. His passing was a profound loss to his family, colleagues, and the entire community. In recognition of his service and sacrifice, the Grayson County Board of Supervisors determined that it is appropriate and fitting to approve the designation of the bridge as the "Master Officer Jermey Lewis Hall Memorial Bridge."

The Board's action reflects its intent to permanently commemorate Master Officer Hall's legacy and to acknowledge his contributions to public safety and the community he served.

The approval of this designation was duly adopted by the Board on the 8th day of January 2026.

Please accept this letter as official documentation of the Grayson County Board of Supervisors' action. Should you require any additional information or supporting documentation, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Respectfully,

Michael S. Hash, Chair
Grayson County Board of Supervisors

Grayson County



Elk Creek Parkway



Elk Creek

Carsonville Rd.

Grayson



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Maintenance Division

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