



## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

### *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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*Agenda item #4*

### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

October 17, 2019

#### MOTION

**Made By: Mr. Stinson, Seconded By: Mr. Johnsen**  
**Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

**Title: Bridge Naming: “Gerald Wayne Cantrell Memorial Bridge”**

**WHEREAS**, the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor and memorialize the life and ultimate sacrifice of Specialist Gerald Wayne Cantrell. Mr. Cantrell was born in 1946 in Pilgrims Knob in Buchanan County. He was drafted into the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War, beginning his tour on October 20, 1968. Mr. Cantrell obtained the rank of Specialist Four, Light Weapons Infantry, serving with the 11<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry, B Company; and

**WHEREAS**, while engaged in combat in Quang Ngai province, South Vietnam, Specialist Gerald Wayne Cantrell was killed in action on April 4, 1969, from small arms fire. Specialist Cantrell either received or may have been qualified for the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation, Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, and the Good Conduct Medal. Additionally, Mr. Cantrell is honored on the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial in Washington, D.C. with his name inscribed at VVM Wall, Panel 27w, Line 9; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated September 9, 2019, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life of Mr. Cantrell, name the bridge on Route 680, Contrary Creek Road, over Dismal Creek, Buchanan County as the “Gerald Wayne Cantrell Memorial Bridge”; 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

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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; and

**WHEREAS**, by resolution, Buchanan County has agreed to pay VDOT for the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the bridge on Route 680, Contrary Creek Road, over Dismal Creek, Buchanan County as the "Gerald Wayne Cantrell Memorial Bridge"; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that VDOT is directed to produce, place, and maintain the signs calling attention to this naming, and secure payment from Buchanan County for these costs as required by law.

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## **CTB Decision Brief**

Bridge Naming: “Gerald Wayne Cantrell Memorial Bridge”

**Issue:** Commemorative naming of the bridge on Route 680, Contrary Creek Road, over Dismal Creek, Buchanan County as the “Gerald Wayne Cantrell Memorial Bridge”.

**Facts:** Buchanan County enacted a resolution on September 9, 2019 to honor and memorialize the life and ultimate sacrifice of Specialist Gerald Wayne Cantrell. Mr. Cantrell was born in 1946 in Pilgrims Knob in Buchanan County. He was drafted into the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War, beginning his tour on October 20, 1968. Mr. Cantrell obtained the rank of Specialist Four, Light Weapons Infantry, serving with the 11<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry, B Company.

While engaged in combat in Quang Ngai province, South Vietnam, Specialist Gerald Wayne Cantrell was killed in action on April 4, 1969, from small arms fire. Specialist Cantrell either received or may have been qualified for the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation, Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Mr. Cantrell is honored on the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial in Washington, D.C. with his name inscribed at VVM Wall, Panel 27w, Line 9.

**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 Route 680, Contrary Creek Road, over Dismal Creek, Buchanan County will be named as the “Gerald Wayne Cantrell Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law and by local resolution, Buchanan 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

**RE: Bridge Naming on Route 680 "Contrary Creek Road" over "Dismal Creek" in "Buchanan County" as the "Gerald Wayne Cantrell Memorial Bridge"**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Gerald Wayne Cantrell was born on November 10, 1946 in Pilgrims Knob, Buchanan County, Va; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Cantrell was drafted into the U.S. Army and served during the Vietnam War having begun his tour on October 20, 1968. Mr. Cantrell obtained the rank of Specialist Four, Light Weapons Infantry, serving with the 11<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry, B Company; and

**WHEREAS**; Mr. Cantrell while engaged in combat in Quang Ngai province, South Vietnam on April 4, 1969 died from small arms fire; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Cantrell either received or may have been qualified for the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation, Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, and Good Conduct Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Cantrell is honored on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington, DC with his name inscribed at VVM Wall, Panel 27w, Line 9; 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 Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the requirements of Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the bridge on Route 680, "Contrary Creek Road", over Dismal Creek in Buchanan County as the "Gerald Wayne Cantrell Memorial Bridge";

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Buchanan County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

This resolution was adopted this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019 by the Buchanan County, Va., Board of Supervisors.

Recorded Vote:

Moved by: Harold H. Fuller

Seconded by: Craig Skilmer

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

J. Carroll Branham  
J. Carroll Branham, Chairman

Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors

Attest: Robert Craig Horn  
Robert Craig Horn, County Administration



Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN), VDOT, F.D, CO, Richmond, VA, GIS SIG, Annex, 3th floor

Notes

**Location Reference**  
Route 680 Mile Marker: 4.76  
VA Structure #6257  
32.23863503 Latitude  
-81.81257712 Longitude

BUCHANAN COUNTY (013)  
Route 680 Bridge Naming  
"Gerald Wayne Cantrell Memorial Bridge"  
Bridge over Dismal Creek



Buchanan County

638

710

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Contrary Creek Rd.

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Maintenance Division

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