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Agenda item #15

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

June 17, 2020

MOTION

Made By: Dr. Smoot, Seconded By: Ms. Hynes

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: “Floyd Walker Coffey Memorial Bridge”

WHEREAS, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor and memorialize the life and contributions of Floyd Walker Coffey, who passed away on December 27, 2019, and was a long-time resident of Botetourt County and a founding partner of A. R. Coffey and Sons, Inc. of Buchanan, Virginia, which constructed numerous bridges throughout Virginia and the southeastern United States including the James Street bridge on Route 870 over the James River; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated March 24, 2020, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life and contributions of Floyd Walker Coffey, name the bridge on Route 870, James Street, over the James River, Botetourt County, as the “Floyd Walker Coffey 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 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, Botetourt County has agreed to pay VDOT for the costs of producing, installing and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the bridge on Route 870, James Street, over the James River, Botetourt County as the "Floyd Walker Coffey 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 Botetourt County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “Floyd Walker Coffey Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on Route 870, James Street, over the James River, Botetourt County as the “Floyd Walker Coffey Memorial Bridge”.

Facts: Botetourt County enacted a resolution on March 24, 2020 to memorialize the life and contributions of Floyd Coffey who was a long-time resident of Botetourt County and a founding partner of A. R. Coffey and Sons, Inc. of Buchanan, Virginia. A. R. Coffey and Sons, Inc. constructed numerous bridges throughout Virginia and the southeastern United States including the James Street bridge on Route 870 over the James River. Mr. Floyd Coffey passed away on December 27, 2019.

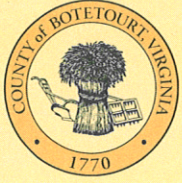
Recommendations: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recommends this request be approved.

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 870, James Street, over the James River, Botetourt County will be named as the “Floyd Walker Coffey Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law and by local resolution, Botetourt 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.



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April 8, 2020

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Mr. Ray Varney, Resident Engineer
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RE: James Street Bridge Naming Request (State Route 870)

Dear Mr. Varney:

At its regular meeting held on March 24, 2020, the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution (attached) requesting that the Virginia Department of Transportation begin work to name the bridge on James Street (State Route 870) in memory of Mr. Floyd Walker Coffey. This route and bridge are located in the Eagle Rock area of Botetourt County.

We realize that this is the first step in this process which will include various studies and analyses conducted by VDOT personnel over a several month period.

Your efforts to begin this process are greatly appreciated and, if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Gary Larowe
Botetourt County Administrator

Attachment

Board of Supervisors

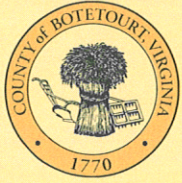
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The regular meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, in Room 212 of the Greenfield Education and Training Center in Daleville, Virginia, beginning at 2:00 P. M.

PRESENT: Members: Mr. Billy W. Martin, Sr., Chairman
Dr. Donald M. Scothorn, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Steve Clinton
Mr. I. Ray Sloan
Dr. Richard G. Bailey

ABSENT: Members: None

Consideration was then held on a request to rename the James Street bridge (Route 870) in memory of Floyd W. Coffey. Mr. Ray Sloan stated that he has discussed this request with Mr. Coffey's family.

Mr. Sloan noted that Floyd Coffey, along with his father, were the founders of A. R. Coffey and Sons, a long-time Buchanan-area business that constructs bridges and other large infrastructure. He noted that their projects included the Route 870 bridge in Eagle Rock that crosses the James River.

Mr. Sloan noted that Mr. Coffey passed away in December 2019 and, to memorialize him, he would like the Board to consider adoption of a resolution directing VDOT to begin the process of naming this bridge in Mr. Coffey's memory. Mr. Sloan stated that he believes the Eagle Rock community and the Coffey family would be proud to have this bridge named after Mr. Coffey.

There being no discussion, on motion by Mr. Sloan, seconded by Dr. Bailey, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board adopted the following resolution requesting that VDOT begin the process to name the Route 870 (James Street) bridge in memory of Mr. Floyd Walker Coffey.

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

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WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd Walker Coffey was a long-time Botetourt County resident and founding partner in A. R. Coffey and Sons of Buchanan, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, A. R. Coffey and Sons, Inc., constructed numerous bridges throughout Virginia and the southeastern United States including the Route 870 (James Street) bridge across the James River at Eagle Rock; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Floyd Coffey passed away on December, 27, 2019; 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 Botetourt County, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that the CTB name the bridge on Route 870, (James Street) between U. S. Route 220 and State Route 43 in Botetourt County as the "Floyd Walker Coffey Memorial Bridge".

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

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Larowe", is written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Gary Larowe
Botetourt County Administrator

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James St.



James River



Botetourt

SC 810



SC 688



Virginia Department of Transportation
Maintenance Division

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