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Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 3

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

July 21, 2021

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Stinson, Seconded By: Ms. Hynes
Action: Motion carried, unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: “Sgt. Alfred J. Amburgey Memorial Bridge”

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Wise County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated June 10, 2021, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the dedicated life, service and ultimate sacrifice to his country, his county, and his family of Sergeant First Class Alfred J. Amburgey, name the bridge on U.S. Business Route 23, Park Ave NW/Kent Junction Road, over Dorchester Road, in West Norton, Wise County as the “Sgt. Alfred J. Amburgey Memorial Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, Wise County, by resolution dated June 10, 2021 and by letter dated June 17, 2021, has agreed to pay the cost of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to 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 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 U.S. Business Route 23, Park Ave NW/Kent Junction Road, over Dorchester Road, in West Norton, Wise County as the “Sgt. Alfred J. Amburgey Memorial Bridge”; and

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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 Wise County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “Sgt. Alfred J. Amburgey Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on U.S. Business Route 23, Park Ave NW/Kent Junction Road, over Dorchester Road, in West Norton, Wise County as the “Sgt. Alfred J. Amburgey Memorial Bridge”.

Facts: Wise County enacted a resolution on June 10, 2021 to honor the life, dedication and ultimate sacrifice to his Country, county and family of Sergeant First Class Alfred J. Amburgey of Thacker’s Branch, Wise County, Virginia.

Mr. Amburgey served in the United States Army during the Korean War in 1952 and 1953 where he returned as a decorated Staff Sergeant, receiving the Combat Infantry Badge, Silver Star for Gallantry, National Defense Service, Korean War Service, Korean Defense Service, United Nations Korean Defense Service, United Nations Medal, Republic of Korea War Service, Korean Presidential Service, Army Overseas Medal and Army Service Medal.

After his Korean service, he re-enlisted and was promoted to Sgt. First Class and was stationed in Germany for six years before being sent to Vietnam in July 1966.

Sgt. First Class Alfred J. Amburgey was killed in action on August 25, 1966 while he and his team of 12 were on a reconnaissance patrol near the Demilitarized Zone and were ambushed. As a result of his bravery and service he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge with Two Stars, The Vietnam Service Medal, The American Defense Service Medal, a Purple Heart with Two Stars, Vietnam War Medal, the United States Presidential Citation and the US Peace Medal.

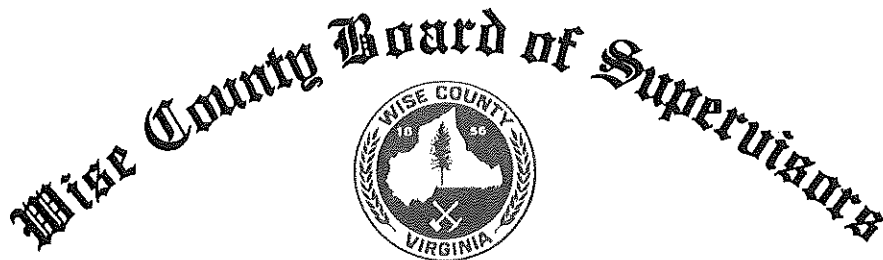
Recommendations: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recommends this request be approved.

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. Business Route 23, Park Ave NW/Kent Junction Road, over Dorchester Road, in West Norton, Wise County will be named as the “Sgt. Alfred J. Amburgey Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law and by resolution, Wise 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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**RESOLUTION
SGT. ALFRED J. AMBURGEY MEMORIAL BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, the Wise County Board of Supervisors is extremely proud of their citizens, both past and present; and

WHEREAS, one of the past citizens of Thacker's Branch, Wise County, Virginia, gave his all to his country, his county and his family; and

WHEREAS, Alfred J. Amburgey served in the United States Army during the Korea war in 1952 and 1953 where he returned as a decorated Staff Sergeant, receiving the Combat Infantry Badge, Silver Star for Gallantry, National Defense Service, Korean War Service, Korean Defense Service, United Nations Korean Defense Service, United Nations Medal, Republic of Korea War Service, Korean Presidential Service, Army Overseas Medal, and Army Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, after his Korea Service he re-enlisted and was promoted to Sgt. First Class and was stationed in Germany for six years before being sent to Vietnam on July 12, 1966 where he and his team of 12 were on a reconnaissance patrol near the DMZ, were ambushed and killed on August 25, 1966, for which he was awarded Combat Infantry Badge with Two Stars, The Vietnam Service Medal, The American Defense Service Medal, Purple Heart with two stars, Vietnam War Medal, the United States Presidential Citation, and the US Peace Medal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wise County Board of Supervisors wishes to show its sincere appreciation and respect for the ultimate sacrifice of Sgt. Alfred J. Amburgey and respectfully requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Virginia Department of Transportation to formally designate and formally name the bridge, located in West Norton on Business 23 Park Avenue NW/Kent Junction Road, (structure number 1016), as the "**Sgt. Alfred J. Amburgey Memorial Bridge**" to commemorate and honor Alfred J. Amburgey for his honor and his sacrifice, and allow a permanent sign to be erected to recognize this honor.

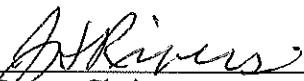
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Wise shall pay all associated expenses in fabricating and future maintenance of the signs.

ADOPTED this the 10th day of June 2021.

ATTEST:

WISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


Michael W. Hatfield, Clerk


J.H. Rivers, Chairman

Wise County Board of Supervisors



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June 17, 2021

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RE: Bridge Naming Requests

Mr. Cantrell,

This is to confirm that the Wise County Board of Supervisors agrees to pay for the fabrication, installation, and future maintenance for the signage for the following bridge naming requests:

“Corporal Carl Dingus Memorial Bridge” – Resolution adopted April 8, 2021
“Sgt. Alfred J. Amburgey Memorial Bridge” – Resolution adopted June 10, 2021

If you should need anything further in this matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Hatfield,
County Administrator

Proposed Bridge Naming


Proposed Sgt. Alfred J. Amburgey Memorial Bridge

GPS: 36.554798, -82.392717

Route 23 - Kent Junction Road/Park Avenue NW
Wise County

Structure Number: 1016

Legend

-  Proposed Bridge to be named



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