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Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item #3

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

April 18, 2018

MOTION

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

Title: Bridge Naming: “Fallen Firefighters Memorial Bridge”

WHEREAS, the Wise County Board of Supervisors wish to commemorate and honor firefighters from Wise County, Southwest Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia who dedicated their lives to public service and the safety of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Wise County Board of Supervisors wish to especially recognize those firefighters who have given their lives in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Wise County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the lives and service of firefighters in Wise County and throughout the Commonwealth, name the bridge on State Route 158, Front Street, over Toms Creek, Wise County as the “Fallen Firefighters 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, Wise County has agreed to pay VDOT for the costs of producing, placing, 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 State Route 158, Front Street, over Toms Creek, Wise County as the “Fallen Firefighters 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 Wise County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “Fallen Firefighters Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on State Route 158, Front Street, over Toms Creek, Wise County as the “Fallen Firefighters Memorial Bridge”.

Facts: Many firefighters from Wise County, Southwest Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia have dedicated their lives to public service and the safety of their communities. In an effort to show its appreciation for these brave firefighters who have served this county and our State, and especially recognize those who have given their lives in the line of duty, the Wise County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution on Feb 8, 2018 requesting this bridge naming.

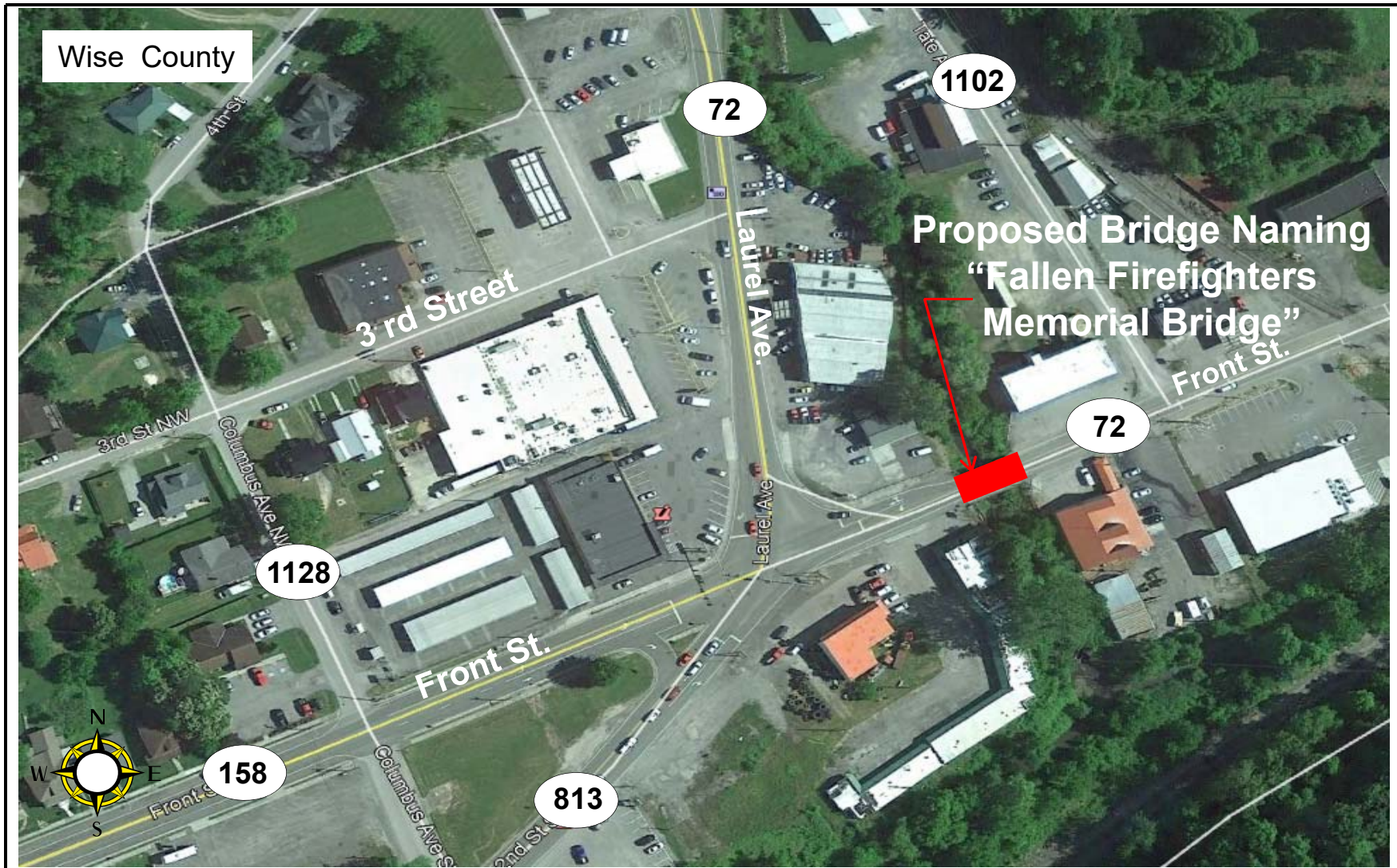
Recommendations: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recommends this request be approved.

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 State Route 158, Front Street, over Toms Creek, Wise County will be known and signed as the “Fallen Firefighters Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law, 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.



Wise County

Proposed Bridge Naming
"Fallen Firefighters
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**Virginia Department
of Transportation**

Memo

*Rec'd
3-16-18
by B. Dunn*

To: Brack Dunn
From: Jeff Sams
CC: File
Date: February 28, 2018
Re: Bridge Naming Request

Attached please find a resolution from the Wise County Board of Supervisors requesting the naming of a bridge in recognition of fallen firefighters from Wise County, Southwest Virginia, and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The bridge is structure #1029 on Route 158/Front Street in Coeburn, Virginia near the intersection with Route 72/Laurel Avenue. The bridge crosses Toms Creek. A section of our county highway map is attached that shows the location of this bridge. Also attached is a Google Earth shot that shows the bridge.

A field review as well as a review of our files shows no evidence that this bridge has been previously named.

The Board commits in the resolution to be held responsible for the fabrication and future maintenance of the signs.

If any additional information is needed please contact me.

Thank you very much.

Jeff Sams

Wise County Board of Supervisors



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RESOLUTION FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL BRIDGE

WHEREAS, many firefighters from Wise County, Virginia, Southwest Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia have dedicated their lives to public service and the safety of their community; and

WHEREAS, the Wise County Board of Supervisors wishes to show its appreciation for these brave firefighters who have served this county and our state, and especially recognize those who have given their lives.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wise County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Virginia Department of Transportation to formally designate the bridge at the Intersection of Route 58 and Route 72 in downtown Coeburn, as the Fallen Firefighters Memorial Bridge, to commemorate and honor firefighters, especially those who have given their lives in the line of duty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Wise agrees to bear associated expenses in fabricating and future maintenance of signs.

ADOPTED this the 8th day of February 2018.

ATTEST:

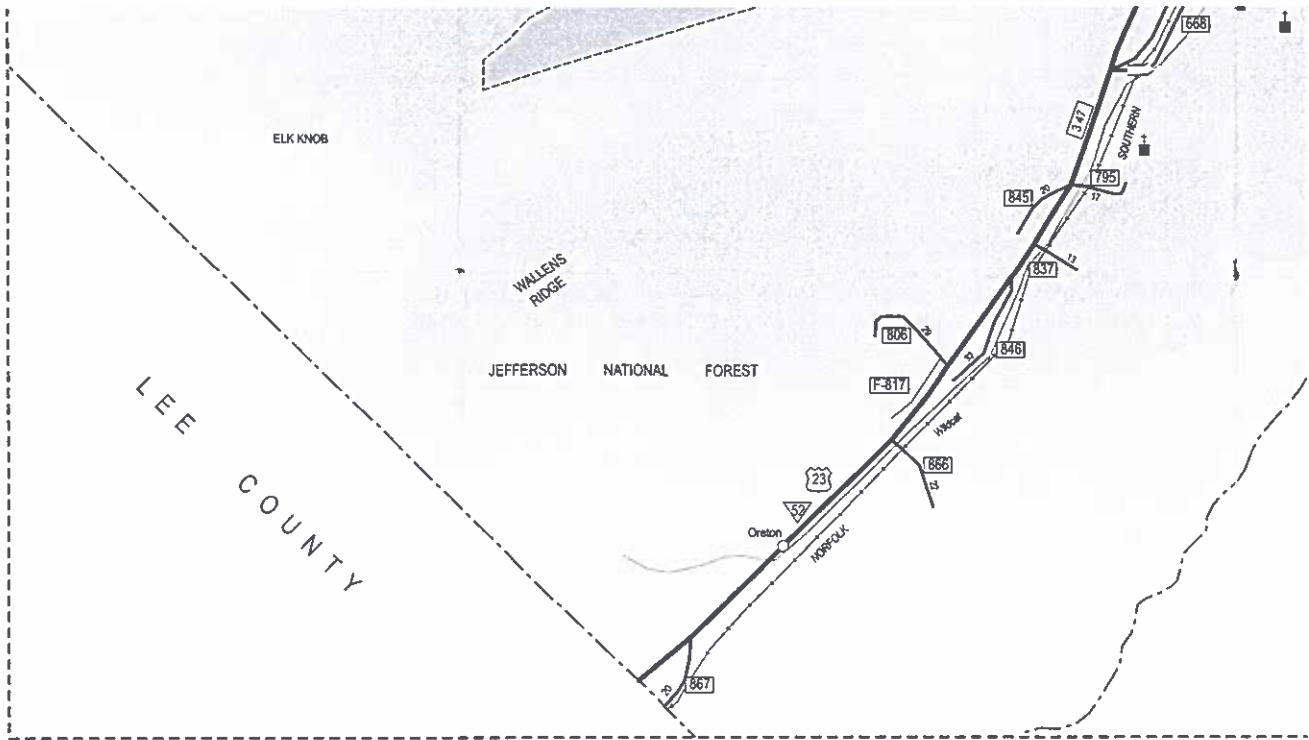
WISE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


Sharon C. Scott, Clerk


Dana G. Kilgore, Chair

Structure #1029 on Route 158 in Colburn, Va. (Miss County)





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BIG STONE GAP AREA
four times map scale
see notations on map cover for distance information

TOWN OF
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