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Agenda item # 3

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

April 21, 2021

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Dodson **Seconded By:** Dr. Smoot

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: “Clyde L. Banks, Sr. Memorial Bridge”

WHEREAS, the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor and memorialize the life and service of Clyde L. Banks, Sr. to his community and Country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Banks, of Chatham, Virginia, was born on May 9, 1924; served his country in the United States Navy; and was an integral part of his community, where he operated the Travelers Inn in Chatham for nearly 40 years; and

WHEREAS, at the height of the local civil rights movement, Mr. Banks was jailed during the civil rights sit-in in Danville, Virginia; was instrumental in helping many African-Americans find jobs; and worked diligently to integrate the Pittsylvania County public schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Banks generously gave his time and expertise to many civic organizations, serving as a leader of the Pittsylvania County Chapter of the NAACP, Chairman of the Board of the Pittsylvania Christian Housing Corporation, chairman and founder of the Board of the Pittsylvania County Community Action Agency, Inc., and as a deacon and trustee of the Corinth Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated January 19, 2021, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life and service of Clyde L. Banks, Sr., name the Chatham South bridge on U.S. Route 29 Business, South Main Street, over U.S. Route 29, Town of Chatham, Pittsylvania County as the “Clyde L. Banks, Sr. Memorial Bridge”; and

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WHEREAS, Pittsylvania County, by its January 19, 2021 resolution, 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 Chatham South bridge on U.S. Route 29 Business, South Main Street, over U.S. Route 29, Town of Chatham, Pittsylvania County as the "Clyde L. Banks, Sr. 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 Pittsylvania County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “Clyde L. Banks, Sr. Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming of the Chatham South bridge on U.S. Route 29 Business, South Main Street, over U.S. Route 29, Town of Chatham, Pittsylvania County as the “Clyde L. Banks, Sr. Memorial Bridge”.

Facts: Pittsylvania County enacted a resolution on January 19, 2021 to honor the life and service Clyde L. Banks, Sr. to his community and country. Mr. Banks, of Chatham, Virginia, was born on May 9, 1924, the son of the late Edward Langston Banks and Reubena Smith Banks and was married to the now late Mary Helen Bailey Banks. He served his country in the United States Navy and served his community in many ways.

He was an integral part of the life and prosperity of his community and operated the Travelers Inn in Chatham for nearly 40 years. At the height of the local civil rights movement, Mr. Banks was jailed during the civil rights sit-in in Danville, Virginia; was instrumental in helping many African-Americans find jobs; worked diligently to integrate the County public schools; lobbied to get African-Americans hired as Sheriff’s Deputies; and fought to get African-American teachers the same salaries as their White counterparts.

Mr. Banks generously gave his time and expertise to many civic organizations, serving as a member and leader of the Pittsylvania County Chapter of the NAACP and the Judah Lodge No. 205, as Chairman of the Board of the Pittsylvania Christian Housing Corporation, as chairman and founder of the Board of the Pittsylvania County Community Action Agency, Inc., as Vice-Chair of the Fifth District Democratic Committee and as a member of the State Democratic Central Committee.

He was a faithful member of the Corinth Christian Church where he served as a deacon and trustee and was active in the church’s many missions in the community. He was an inspiration to all who knew him for his moral character and he never sought credit or acclaim for his many good deeds. Mr. Banks passed away on June 7, 2008 and will be fondly remembered for his passion and keen intellect and greatly missed by his son, Clyde L. Banks, Jr. and daughter-in-law Cathy, his grandson Joshua Banks, and his numerous other family members and good friends.

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 Chatham South bridge on U.S. Route 29 Business, South Main Street, over U.S. Route 29, Town of Chatham, Pittsylvania County will be named as the “Clyde L. Banks, Sr. Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law and by resolution, Pittsylvania 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.

**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION # 2021-01-01**

**SUPPORT FOR NAMING THE CHATHAM SOUTH BRIDGE THE “CLYDE L.
BANKS, SR., MEMORIAL BRIDGE”**

VIRGINIA, at the Regular Meeting of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors (“Board”), held on January 19, 2021, the following Resolution was presented and adopted:

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to recognizing and celebrating Pittsylvania County, Virginia’s (“County”) historical heritage and contributions made thereto by its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Clyde L. Banks, Sr., a former Chatham resident and a respected civil rights leader and community supporter, died on June 7, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Banks was born on May 9, 1924, in the County, the son of the late Edward Langston Banks and Reubena Smith Banks, and was married to the now late Mary Helen Bailey Banks; and

WHEREAS, Banks honorably served his Country as a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, an integral part of the life and prosperity of his community, Banks operated the Travelers Inn in Chatham for nearly forty (40) years; and

WHEREAS, at the height of the local civil rights movement, Banks was jailed during the Civil Rights sit-in in Danville, Virginia; was instrumental in helping many African-Americans find jobs; worked diligently to integrate the County Public Schools; lobbied to get blacks hired as Sheriff’s Deputies; and fought to get black teachers the same salaries as their white counterparts; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Banks generously gave his time and expertise to many civic organizations, serving as a member and leader of the Pittsylvania County Chapter of the NAACP and the Judah Lodge No. 205, as Chairman of the Board of the Pittsylvania Christian Housing Corporation, as chairman and Founder of the Board of the Pittsylvania County Community Action Agency, Inc., as Vice-Chair of the Fifth District Democratic Committee, and as a member of the State Democratic Central Committee; and

WHEREAS, Banks was a faithful member of the Corinth Christian Church, where he served as a deacon and trustee and was active in the church’s many missions in the community; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to all who knew him well, Banks was known for his impeccable moral character, and he never sought credit or acclaim for his many good deeds; and

WHEREAS, Banks will be fondly remembered for his passion and keen intellect and greatly missed by his son, Clyde L. Banks, Jr., and daughter-in-law, Cathy; his grandson, Joshua Banks; and his numerous other family members and good friends; and

WHEREAS, § 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, 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 and bridges, interchanges, or other transportation facilities forming a part of the systems of state highways; and

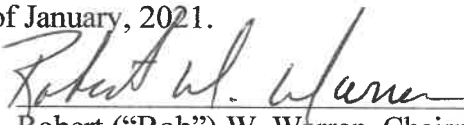
WHEREAS, the same Virginia Code Section further provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation (“VDOT”) shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the CTB and requires that the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board fully and enthusiastically supports the naming of the Chatham South Bridge as the “Clyde L. Banks, Sr., Memorial Bridge;” and

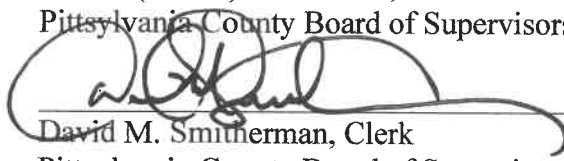
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the appropriate local VDOT officials and the CTB for consideration.

Given under my hand this 19th day of January, 2021.



Robert (“Bob”) W. Warren, Chairman
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors



David M. Smitherman, Clerk
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors

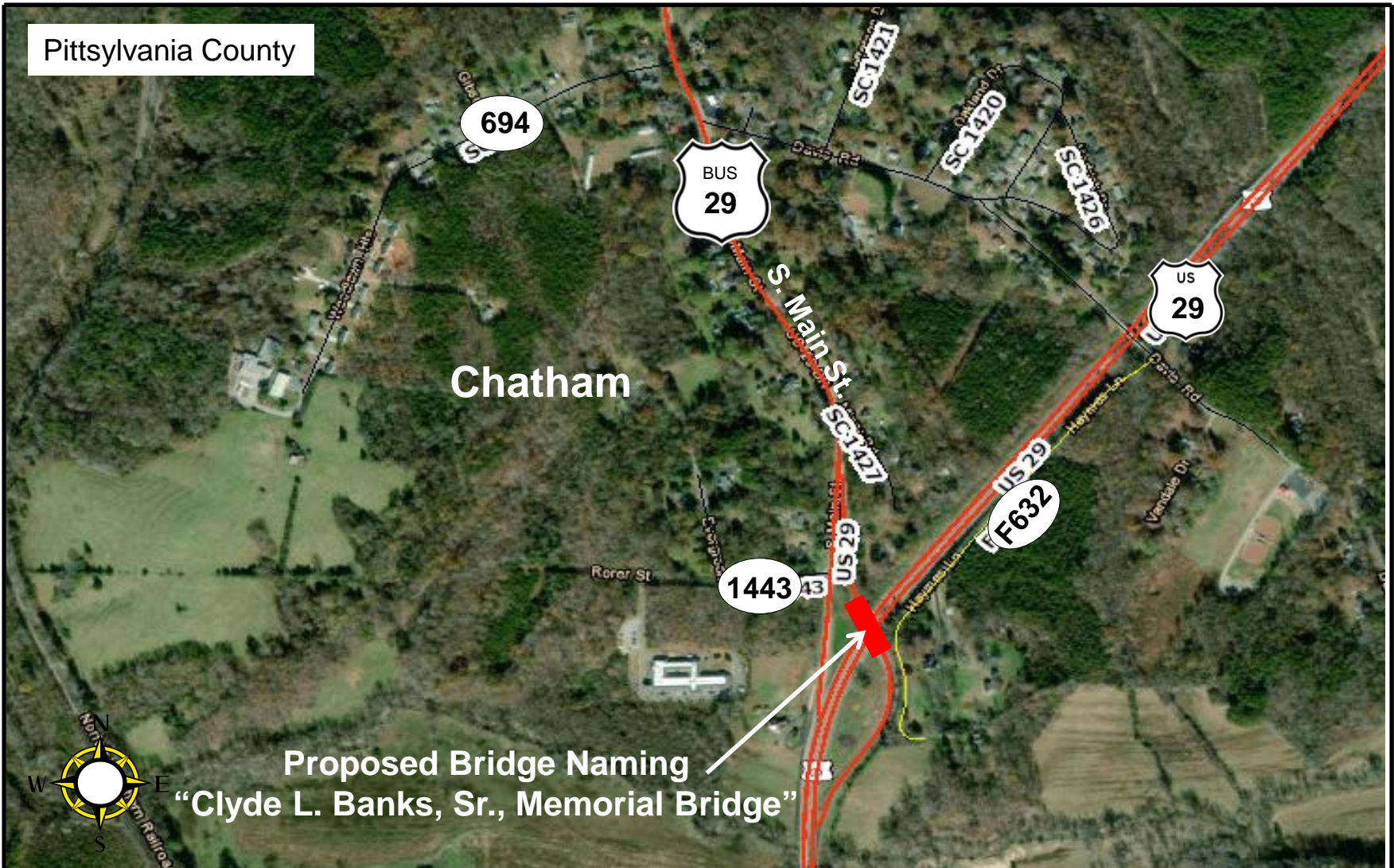
Approved as to Form:



J. Vaden Hunt, Esq.
Pittsylvania County Attorney



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Maintenance Division
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