COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 2

RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

September 17, 2025

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Stant**, Seconded By:** Ms. Sellers
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Highway Naming: "David R. Chew, Jr. Memorial Road"

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated March 19, 2025, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life, service to his community, and ultimate sacrifice of David R. Chew, Jr., name the section of State Route 316, from the northern town limit of the Town of Parksley to the Shoremain Drive intersection in the Town of Bloxom, as the "David R. Chew, Jr. Memorial Road"; and

WHEREAS, Accomack County, by resolution dated March 19, 2025, has agreed to be responsible for payment of all sign costs billed by the Virginia Department of Transportation calling attention to this naming, which will include the costs to produce, place, and maintain the signs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Bloxom has expressed their support of this naming in a resolution dated May 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, § 33.2-213 provides that 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 section of State Route 316, from the northern town limit of the Town of Parksley to the Shoremain Drive intersection in the Town of Bloxom, as the “David R. Chew, Jr. Memorial Road”.

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

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CTB Decision Brief

Highway Naming: "David R. Chew, Jr. Memorial Road"

Issue: Commemorative naming, at the request of Accomack County, of the section of State Route 316, from the northern town limit of the Town of Parksley to the Shoremain Drive intersection in the Town of Bloxom, as the "David R. Chew, Jr. Memorial Road".

Facts: The Accomack County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on March 19, 2025, to honor the life, service to his community and ultimate sacrifice of David R. Chew, Jr.

Additionally, the Town Council of the Town of Bloxom passed a resolution supporting this naming on May 27, 2025.

According to the Accomack County resolution, Mr. Chew successfully built his career beginning in March 2001 with the Bloxom Volunteer Fire Company, reaching the rank of Lieutenant. He served the County of Accomack as a Fire Fighter and as an EMT, faithfully, for 11 years, until he lost his life in the line of duty while faithfully serving the County on July 16, 2012, at the age of 30.

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 section of State Route 316, from the northern town limit of the Town of Parksley to the Shoremain Drive intersection in the Town of Bloxom will be known as the "David R. Chew, Jr. Memorial Road". In accordance with law, and by resolution dated March 19, 2025, Accomack 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 has not received any public comments on this proposal.

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Resolution

Memorial naming of Route 316, from the northern town limit of Parksley to the Shoremain Drive Intersection, in the Town of Bloxom as the David R. Chew, Jr. Memorial Road.

WHEREAS, David R. Chew, Jr. served the County of Accomack as a Fire Fighter and as an EMT, faithfully, for 11 years, until his death on July 16, 2012, at the age of 30; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chew successfully built his career beginning in March 2001 with the Bloxom Volunteer Fire Company reaching the rank of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chew lost his life while on the job due to an accident; and

WHEREAS, the Accomack County Board of Supervisors does recognize the service of Mr. Chew and that his death occurred while he was faithfully serving the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board does see fit, at the request of Mr. Chew's family, to have a section of road within the County of Accomack memorialized in honor of Mr. Chew to recognize his sacrifice; 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, prior to memorializing a state highway or other state facility for someone other than a state official, Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia requires a resolution from the governing body of the locality within which the state highway or other facility is located; 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 Accomack County, in accordance with the requirements of Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board memorialize the section of Route 316 from the Town of Parksley's northern town limit to the Shoremain Dr. intersection, in the Town of Bloxom as the David R. Chew, Jr. Memorial Road.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Accomack County will recover the cost of fabricating all signs associated with this requested action from the Chew family who has voluntarily agreed to reimburse the County for this expense;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

VOTE:

AYES: 8

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

By: _____
H. Jackie Phillips, Chairman

Dated: 03/21/2025

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution approved March 19, 2025, at a meeting of the Accomack County Board of Supervisors, Accomack County, Virginia.

A COPY TESTE:

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Michael T. Mason, County Administrator and Secretary to the Board

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Chris Kreisl

Vice Mayor
Thomas Beasley

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WHEREAS, Mr. Chew lost his life while on the job due to an accident; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bloxom does recognize the service of Mr. Chew and that his death occurred while he was faithfully serving the Town and Accomack County; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council does see fit, at the request of Mr. Chew's family, to have a section of road within the County of Accomack memorialized in honor of Mr. Chew to recognize his sacrifice; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Bloxom, in accordance with the requirements of Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board memorialize the section of Route 316 from the Town of Parksley's Northern town limit to the Shoremain Drive intersection, in the Town of Bloxom as the David R. Chew Jr. Memorial Road.

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VOTE: AYES __5___ NAYS __0___ ABSE NT__0___

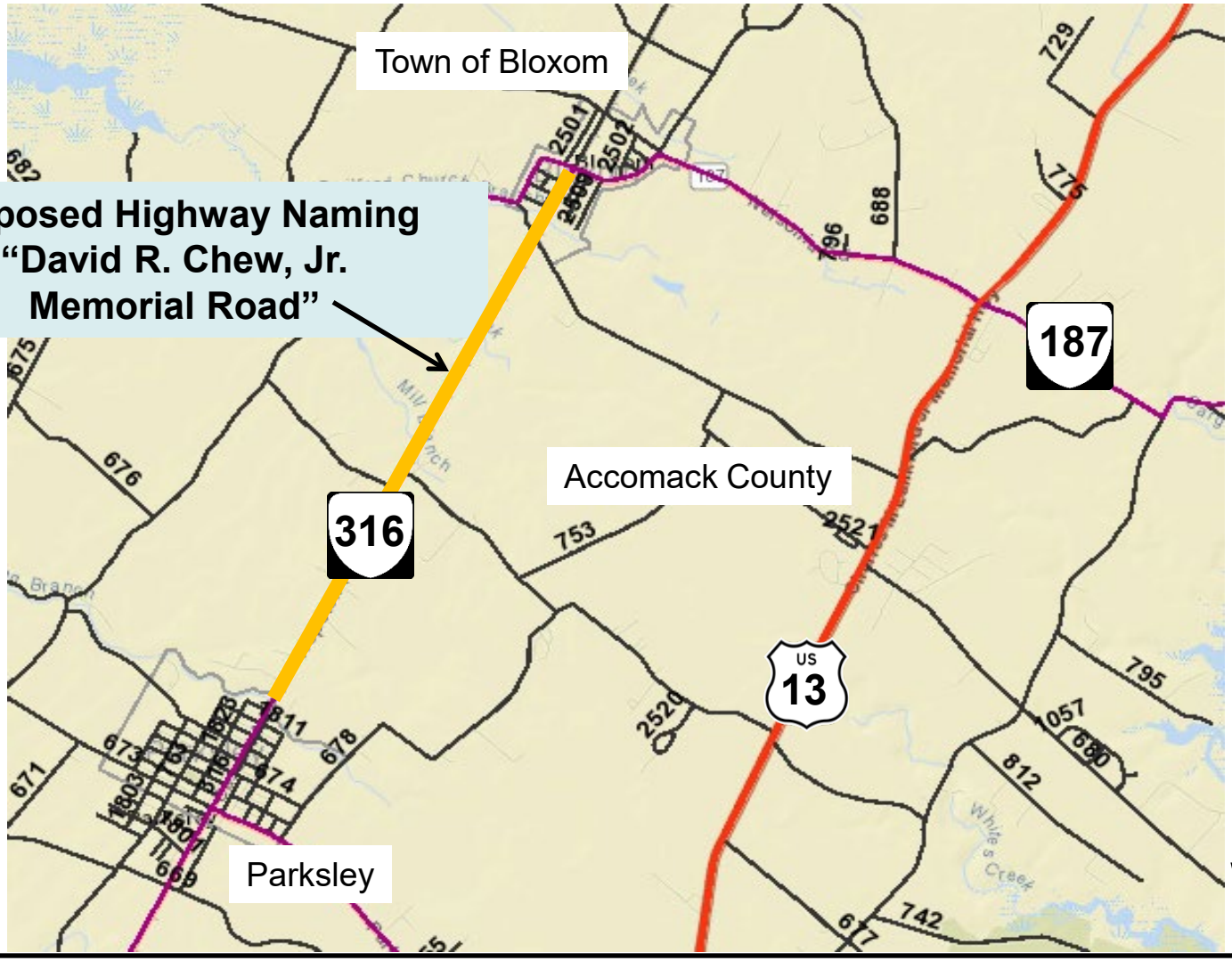
Town of Bloxom

By: _____ Date: ___5/27/2025_____
Chris Kreisl, Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution approved _____May 27th _____, 2025, at a meeting of the Town of Bloxom Council, Bloxom, VA.

Notary: Charlotte Jeanette Eby Date: ___5/27/2025 _____

CHARLOTTE JEANETTE EBY
Notary Public
Commonwealth of Virginia
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Virginia Department of Transportation

Maintenance Division

CTB MEETING: September 17, 2025

Town of Bloxom
Accomack County

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