



Agenda
Page County Board of Supervisors
Work Session
Board of Supervisors Room – 103 South Court Street, Luray
September 3, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order

- Moment of Silence/Invocation (District 2)
- Pledge of Allegiance

GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence

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Fiscal Update

Dennis Click

Resolution – Naming of Bridge (Bixler's Ferry Road)

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Closed Session

- Legal Matters, Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7)
Of the Code of Virginia

Exit Closed Session/Certification of Closed Session

Adjourn

Mission Statement

To provide essential and desired services to all Page County citizens through an open and responsive decision making process that values ethical conduct, fiscal responsibility, professional expertise, regional collaboration and proactive stewardship.



GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

07/29/2019

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#2019-09
RESOLUTION FOR BRIDGE NAMING

Naming of the bridge on Route 684, Bixler's Ferry Road, from the bridge, known as Bixler's Ferry Bridge, which crosses the South Fork of the Shenandoah River to the intersection of Bixler's Ferry Road, and Route 684, Page Valley Road at the foot of the Massanutten Mountain west of Luray in Page County as the "Sedwick Memorial Bridge"

WHEREAS, Elmer Nathan Sedwick (U. S. Army), Julian R. Sedwick (U. S. Navy), Richard P. Sedwick (U. S. Army), and James G. Sedwick (U. S. Marines) are all brothers who served in the military in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Elmer Nathan Sedwick was the recipient of the Silver Star & Purple Heart medals and was killed in action at the Battle of the Bulge in 1944 and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Richard P. "Rick" Sedwick donated the soil for footers at the western end of this bridge replacing the low water bridge over the Shenandoah River; and

WHEREAS, Richard P. "Rick" Sedwick donated the land located on the west side of the Shenandoah River adjacent to the bridge for use as a boat landing by the Department of Game & Inland Fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the Richard & Ann Sedwick Family Trust contributed to Virginia Department of Transportation for the road improvement project on Serenity Ridge Road near the bridge; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to memorialize the service and sacrifices of the Sedwick family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Page County, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the bridge on Route 684, Bixler's Ferry Road, from the bridge, known as Bixler's Ferry Bridge, which crosses the South Fork of the Shenandoah River to the intersection of Bixler's Ferry Road, and Route 684, Page Valley Road at the foot of the Massanutten Mountain west of Luray in Page County as the "Sedwick Memorial Bridge".

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

This Resolution was adopted by the Page County Board of Supervisors on this 3rd day of September, 2019.

Morgan Phenix, Chairman

Amity Moler, Clerk



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

811 Commerce Road
Staunton, VA 24401-9029
www.VirginiaDOT.org

Stephen C. Brich, P.E.
Commissioner

August 9, 2019

Richard E. N. and Nancy A. Sedwick
2922 Port Republic Road
Rockingham, Virginia 22801

Dear Richard and Nancy Sedwick:

We have received your letter dated August 5, 2019 requesting to name Route 684, Bixler's Ferry Bridge and Route 684, Page Valley Road in Page County. We would be honored to work with your family and Page County Board of Supervisors to act upon your request.

Mr. Donald Komara, Resident Engineer, and his staff will take the lead to coordinate this request with Page County.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Komara at 540-434-2587.

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Randy S. Kiser".

Randy S. Kiser, PE
District Administrator

RSK/rdb
XC: Mr. Donald Komara

Received 8/8/19

2922 Port Republic Road
Rockingham, VA 22801
August 5, 2019

Mr. Randy Kiser
District Administrator
VDOT, Staunton District
811 Commerce Road
Staunton, VA 24401

Dear Mr. Kiser:

I, along with members of my family, request consideration for the memorial naming of a bridge and segment of secondary road Route 684/Page Valley Road located in District 1, Page County, Virginia.

A. The bridge, known as Bixler's Ferry Bridge, crosses the South Fork of the Shenandoah River to the intersection of Bixler's Ferry Road and Route 684/Page Valley Road at the foot of the Massanutten Mountain west of Luray.

B. The road segment is located on Page Valley Road (Route 684) west of the South Fork of the Shenandoah River approximately one to two miles north of the intersection of the bridge and adjacent to the Keyser Cemetery.

The requested memorial designation of the bridge and segment of Page Valley Road is of historical and genealogical significance to Page County and my family going back over 200 years from early settlers on the west bank of the Shenandoah, Revolutionary War and World War II veterans and their sacrifices. The families include Keyzers, Bumgardners, Sedwicks, and their descendants to this day.

If approved, I and my family members will pay or reimburse the total costs of design, placement, and maintenance of such memorial signage to avoid cost to taxpayers of Page County and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Richard E.N. Sedwick, Trustee
Nancy A. Sedwick, Trustee

Richard E.N. & Nancy A. Sedwick, Trustees
Richard & Ann Sedwick Family Trust

cc:

Mr. Don Komara
Mr. Keith Guzy, Jr.

Historical Background for Memorial Signage Page County, Virginia

A. Memorial/Dedication Sign for the Bixler's Ferry Road Bridge to Read:

Sedwick Memorial Bridge

-or-

Sedwick Memorial Bridge at Bixler's Ferry

Indications for naming the memorial:

1. To honor the service/sacrifice of four deceased Sedwick brothers who served in the military in World War II:

Elmer Nathan Sedwick (U.S. Army), recipient of the Silver Star & Purple Heart medals. He was killed in action at the Battle of the Bulge in 1944 & is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Julian R. Sedwick (U.S. Navy)

Richard P. Sedwick (U.S. Army)

James G. Sedwick (U.S. Marines)

2. To remember the contribution of Richard P. "Rick" Sedwick (father of petitioner) who in 1969 donated the soil for footers at the western end of this bridge replacing the low water bridge over the Shenandoah. See attached article.
3. To remember the contribution of Richard P. "Rick" Sedwick who donated the land located on the west side of the river adjacent to the bridge for use as a boat landing by the Department of Game & Inland Fisheries. The landing includes a memorial to Bob Inskeep a former game warden in Page County (deceased).
4. The 1969 bridge has additional significance in its replacement of the low water bridge. A member of the Sedwick family drowned while attempting to cross the low water bridge on horseback in 1927.
5. To remember the contribution from the Richard & Ann Sedwick Family Trust to VDOT for the road improvement project on Serenity Ridge Road near the bridge. Fill dirt, land acquisition, & access were provided to VDOT.

B. Memorial/Dedication Sign for Road Segment/Byway off Page Valley Road (Route 684), Page County, Virginia Located approximately 1-2 miles north of the bridge & adjacent to the Keyser Cemetery to read:

Keyser/Bumgardner Byway

1. To honor the descendants of the Keyser/Bumgardner families as early settlers who lived & served during the Revolutionary War and continued as landholders & farmers in the area west of the Shenandoah River in Page County.
2. Andrew Keyser served with the Colonial forces under General Green in 1781 & was in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina. The Keyser Cemetery is adjacent to Route 684/Page Valley Road.
3. The Bumgardners were early settlers on the west side of the Shenandoah River off present Route 684. The family had ties with other of the earliest settlers of the county including the Stovers & Longs. An early cemetery located approximately 4.5 miles from the river bridge dates back to the late 1700's & early 1800's.
4. The previous families are also part of the Sedwick Family genealogy.

visited the Grove Hill resort on the Western Maryland Railroad.

was present for signing ceremonies this week.

from Wayne's home town of Shenandoah, but also

22835. Or e-mail to community@pagenewspaper.com

Out of the Archives

From July 24, 1969

"Bixler's Ferry Bridge — Highway construction workers complete work on the approach to the Bixler's Ferry Bridge which was recently opened to traffic. The old low-water bridge at left is being left intact for use by fishermen. The new bridge was constructed by Garrett, Moon and Pool Inc., of Blacksstone, for about \$300,000. The new bridge is 510 feet long and 28 feet wide between curbs."

