



Lawrence County
HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, December 30, 2025 | **Time:** 4:30-4:56 p.m.

PRESENT: County Executive David Morgan. **Commissioners:** Phillip Heatherly, Will Burnett, Scott Franks, Chris Sutherland, Dave Ray, Barry Luffman, Steve Hagan, Rick Skillington, Shane Eaton. **Road Superintendent** Ryan Krick, Anthony Washburn,

Commissioner Gillespie called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: Vice-chair Denny Gillespie, Barry Luffman, Rick Skillington, and Sandy Newton.

ABSENT: Chairman Wayne Yocom and Tim Clifton.

- **Commissioner Newton** discussed naming a bridge after Johnny R. Thompson.
- **Commissioner Eaton** noted that it will have to go to the state if approved.
- **Commissioner Skillington** shared concerns on naming bridges after people who have not contributed to the community or area.

Name Bridge, Located at the Intersection of Flatwoods Road and South Park Grove Road, in Honor of Johnny R. Thompson.

Motion: Newton. **Second:** Luffman.

VOTE: Newton—Yes. Luffman—Yes. Skillington—No. Gillespie—Yes.

MOTION PASSED 3/1.

- **Commissioner Heatherly** brought up his concerns for Right-of-Ways and especially in relation to internet poles and utility hook ups.
- **Krick** explained that he has shared his concerns before and most counties have a right-of-way permit. Permits would give a scope of work area and hold people accountable. The permits can be brought before the Utility Committee where they approve or deny requests.
- **Executive Morgan** added that he will review this and bring it before Attorney Ryan Durham.
- **Commissioner Skillington** brought up his concerns in regard to the Highway Department, specifically the place they put limbs and trimmings, it's reaching its max capacity. Need a new place to dump or buy a wood chipper.

- The committee discussed different options to resolve the space issue.

Adjournment.

Motion: Skillington. **Second:** Newton.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4/0.

Minutes Submitted By: Christian Tyree