

RESOLUTION NO. 20260728-17

Naming the Crawfish Creek Bridge the Joe Newton Memorial Bridge

Whereas, Joe Newton was a lifelong resident of Lawrence County and was widely respected for his contributions to the Crawfish Valley community; and

Whereas, Mr. Newton constructed his home near the bridge crossing Crawfish Creek in 1994, where he resided and remained deeply connected to the surrounding community; and

Whereas, during the devastating flooding of 1998, Mr. Newton survived the flooding of the bridge, while his home was inundated by floodwaters, making the bridge a location of particular significance in his life and to the history of the community; and

Whereas, the bridge spanning Crawfish Creek, just west of the Crawfish Valley Community Center where Crawfish Creek enters Shoal Creek, serves as an appropriate and meaningful location to honor Mr. Newton's life and his enduring connection to the area; and

Whereas, the Body has the authority to designate and name bridges upon county roads;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lawrence County Legislative Body meeting in Regular Session on this 28th day of July 2026, that this Body respectfully designates the bridge spanning Crawfish Creek, located just west of the Crawfish Valley Community Center in Lawrence County, Tennessee, as the Joe Newton Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Highway Department is authorized to install signage to this effect once purchased by family and friends of Mr. Newton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed this 28th day of July 2026.

Shane Eaton, Chair
Lawrence County Legislative Body

David A. Morgan, County Executive

ATTEST:

Russ Brewer, County Clerk

SPONSOR: Highway Committee