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Some of Prince William's veteran political prize-fighters converged Tuesday at a county supervisors meeting because of the junction of two country roads.

Leading attorneys, landowners, community activists and businessmen faced the the supervisors to argue about what to do with the intersection of Minnieville and Davis Ford Roads, the high-value properties around it and the hapless, old Russell buildings on the edge of it.

After heated and lengthy debate, the supervisors voted 6 to 1 to defer until Feb. 7 any decision on the matter.

In question was a proposal to change the plan for widening the intersection. The proposal would shift a 46-foot wide planning line to the north side of the junction. Shifting the line would save the allegedly historic Russell home and store on the south side. But it also would take some high-priced road frontage away from several north-side landowners, including Jack Rollison of Rollison Brothers Tire Co., Bethel United Methodist Church, Speros Loukas and Mitchell Phelps of Southern Real Estate.

Phelps, who owns the Elm Farm property on the

northwest corner, filed suit this week against the board of supervisors for an injunction to stop the proposed shifting of the line.

Loukas, who owns the northeast corner, sent Michael Lubeley, one of Woodbridge's seasoned zoning litigators, to the board meeting Tuesday night to ask for a deferment of action on the proposal.

Rollison, whose property borders Loukas', addressed the board himself and asked for prompt action so he can go ahead with a long-delayed project to build a new tire store on the site. The board approved later that evening a special-use permit and rezoning allowing the tire store project to go ahead. But it likely will be held up now until the road-widening question is answered.

From the south side of the junction came Terry Emerson, former county attorney, representing Janna Leepson, owner and resident of the Russell buildings and an adjoining property of over 200 acres.

Emerson argued that the existing widening line would force Mrs. Leepson out of her home and lead to demolition of the structure. County historical society spokesman Betty Wright asked the board to "do whatever has to be done to save the Russell home and the Russell store" because they are historic structures.

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Wrestle with question of Minnieville/Davis Ford