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PWC - Courthouses

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Why did marker cross the road?

Why did the historical marker cross the road? To get on the other side, of course.

The Prince William Historical Commission wants a sign commemorating the site of the first county courthouse moved across U.S. 1 in

Woodbridge, so it can rejoin two companion signs. The plaque was switched when the old Occoquan bridge was removed earlier this year.

Discussion over the request for action by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday produced discussion mostly in the

slapstick range.

"Do they mean put the marker for the courthouse on U.S. 1 or the courthouse?" asked Coles Supervisor Richard Pfitzner. "I'm for putting the courthouse on Route 1!"

Woodbridge Supervisor Donald Kidwell said the highway department said there was no safety hazard so they wouldn't move the sign, although they had moved it in the first place.

"But it isn't where they found it, is it?" asked Chairman Kathleen Seefeldt.

The board asked County Executive Robert Noe to look into what it would cost to move the sign the few feet across the road.

"Why don't they put a sign up saying that the courthouse sign belongs on the other side?" wisecracked Gainesville Supervisor Donald White.

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