

Comprehensive Plan is a go

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At the recent Board of Commissioners held on Tuesday, November 30, the board voted unamously to adopt the Comprehensive Plan for Washington County.

Eric Rugsby spoke on behalf of the Planning Commission, stating everything that needed reviewed was complete and all changes that were requested have been done.

"With everything changed, this is a good plan and I believe it is suitable to move on, this is a historic point and an important step for our County," Rugsby said.

Besides Rugsby, Adam Dufour and Jim Day were present from the Plan Commission.

The Plan Commission held a meeting along with a public hearing on Monday, November 29, passing the plan 7-1 with one abstaining. Dufour voted against the plan and County Surveyor Jeff Souder abstained.

"I was elected to be a public servant and I am not convinced the county needs this or convinced the county doesn't need this plan," Souder said.

There was only one person who spoke at the public hearing, John Hawkins of Fredericksburg. He spoke in favor of the plan.

"Thank you to the Plan Commission and we appreciate your willingness to work with us on these changes," said Commissioner Lana Sullivan

Fellow Commissioner Dave Brown echoed Sullivan's comment.

"Future generations will be glad this has happened and it has been along time coming," Brown said.

A resolution was signed and is currently being sent to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs for their approval.

In other Commissioner Business:

The board heard from Coroner Rondale Brishaber regarding purchasing a vehicle for the Coroners use. Brishaber said that sometimes the coroner and his deputies tie up an ambulance up to six hours on a death scene and he would hate for someone to lose their life, because the ambulance is being used.

Brishaber said there is money in his budget to maintain a vehicle and suggested that he purchase a 2000 Ford Expedition 4 X4 with 96,000 miles for the amount of \$8,500.

Brishaber has met with the County Council and they have approved this purchase.

Brown said he feels like the expenditure is worth-while.

"I believe this is a necessity to purchase for the coroner's use," he said.

The board approved the purchase of the Expedition for the use of the Coroners.

Some minor changes will be done to the vehicle to allow capability to haul a guerny and the supplies that are needed.

The next Board of Commissioners will be held on December 8, at 10 a.m.

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