

Recently the Washington County- Board of County Commissioners (WC-BCC) reappointed volunteer members to Rural Roads Operations and Maintenance Advisory Committee (RROMAC) . Long time members, Dave Vanasche and Matt Pihl who were seeking reappointment, discovered that they had been removed from the list of considerations for reappointment. They were told by county staff that they were to contact the WC-BCC Chairman. On January 3rd, 2012 Vanasche and Pihl, along with three other members of RROMAC addressed the WCBCC during public testimony, requesting their names be reinstated on the reappointment list and asked why their names had been removed. The following day, Vanasche and Pihl were E-mailed by the County Chair, who apologized for their names being removed from the list of considerations, but did not ask them to contact him. At the next WC-BCC meeting, all RROMAC appointees were reappointed except for Vanasche and Pihl. These two Individuals have years of experience in engineering, construction and agriculture, which are vital skills for RROMAC members. Pihl was the Chairman of the committee. Vanasche's and Pihl's volunteer activities at the Washington County Fair and the Washington County Farm Bureau , should not have led to their removal from RROMAC. Their volunteer time and talents are respected by the RROMAC staff and Committee. There are presently vacant positions for RROMAC. We, the members of RROMAC, request that the WC-BCC immediately reappoint these community volunteers.