

Come help plan the county's future

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Are you planning a summer vacation this year? Planning one takes time and effort. You must first decide where you're going to go, and then research about it.

You must plan where you'll stay, what you'll see and do, and how you'll get there. The anticipation and planning of a vacation can be a fun project for the whole family.

This is similar to what the planning commission has been doing lately. We're trying to "plan" where the county will go in the future. We'd like the help of the public in forming this plan, and want to invite you to a meeting.

In January, we had a public hearing to listen to the public's suggestions for the plan. Changes have been made, and there will be another public hearing at the planning commission's next meeting to be held Monday, June 24.

The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor District Courtroom of the Perkins County Courthouse, located at 200 Lincoln Avenue in Grant.

The plan for the future is called "The Comprehensive Plan." The original comprehensive plan was formed and adopted in 2000.

Some aspects of our county have changed, and the plan needs updated. The plan includes information about where we are today, and plans for where we'd like to be in the future.

The zoning regulations are enacted to help the county reach the goals set in the comprehensive plan.

The comprehensive plan is a necessary document that is required by state statute if a county enacts zoning regulations.

Citizens are invited to view the draft of the Comprehensive Plan ahead of the meeting at: <http://perkins.mipsweb.info/default.htm> Click on Offices, then Planning and Zoning.

"Draft of Comprehensive Plan" will appear on the left-hand side of the page. You can also view the current Comprehensive Plan.

Either email your comments on the draft to: perkinszoning@hotmail.com, or mail them to: Perkins County Planning and Zoning, PO Box 324, Grant NE 69140.

Voice your opinions or ask questions at 308-352-2703.

Once the planning commission has heard the public's comments, and makes additional changes, the document will be forwarded to the county board for another public hearing before final adoption.

Citizens will have at least two public hearings to make comment on the document.

On another note, there is a power point presentation that gives detailed information about the comprehensive plan that I'd be glad to give as a presentation at your organization's meeting. Just call and I'll get it on my schedule.

