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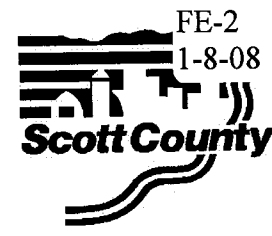
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To: C. Ray Wierson, County Administrator

From: Timothy Huey, Planning Director

Date: December 28, 2007

Re: Public Hearing on Planning Commission's recommendation to approve final draft of Comprehensive Plan for Scott County.

Eighteen months ago the Board of Supervisors initiated the process to draft a new Comprehensive Plan for Scott County. The Board signed an agreement for services with Bi-State Regional Commission for the preparation of that plan. The Planning Commission formed both a Technical Committee and an Advisory Committee to assist them in drafting of the plan.

Earlier in the year, the Planning and Zoning Commission in conjunction with the Bi-State Regional Commission held five workshops and a number of focus group discussions to gain public input in the drafting of a Scott County Comprehensive Plan. The advisory committee, many of which also participated in those workshops and focus groups, reviewed the public input, the drafts of the various chapters of the plan and the goals, objectives & implementation strategies included in the plan and recommended approval to the Commission in October. The Commission in turn reviewed the full draft and made some changes to various portions of the plan.

The Planning Commission held a formal public hearing on November 20, 2007 to accept comments on the final draft of the Scott County Comprehensive Plan. Following the public hearing there were a few changes and additions made to the plan and the Commission reviewed those changes at its December 4 meeting and unanimously passed a motion to recommend approval of the Final Draft as presented to the Board of Supervisors.

Staff has mailed out individual invitations to the public hearing to all the Advisory and Technical Committee members. Public Notice of the time and date of the public hearing will be published twice in the official newspapers, in addition staff will send out a press release to all the media outlets the week before the hearing.

Staff also plans to invite all the committee members to come a little early to the Board meeting to enjoy some refreshments (& cheesecake) before the start of the meeting. I will plan on serving the refreshments at 5 PM for any who would like to attend.