The Planning Department exists to guide public and private development efforts and to administer related County and Town ordinances fairly. We carry out our responsibilities under the direction of the members of the Area Plan Commission, the County Commissioners, County Council and the Town of Nashville Council members, while adhering to the Comprehensive Plan and respecting the people who live and/or conduct business in the county and/or town.

We believe in working with people to build consensus solutions that improve the quality of life in the community and help to make Brown County a better place in which to live, work, and visit.

Revision Progress as of December 12, 2016:

1. On June 28th, 2016 the subject of hiring a consultant to help shape the revised ordinance was discussed. The APC decided that we would schedule an extra meeting on July 19th, 2016 for a work session for the Zoning Ordinance revision.

2. On July 19th, 2016 board members discussed what they would like to revise by priority. Most members cited a need to improve the Tourist home guidelines and the need to adopt them as ordinance. Other items suggested by the board in no special order were:

a. Tiny Homes

b. A definition for Private Recreational Development which is listed on the uses chart, and which the ordinance furnishes with development standards, but fails to define.

c. Temporary Signs with a permitting process

d. Large events

e. Historic Preservation

f. A noise ordinance within the county

g. Abandoned cars

h. Occupancy limits for dwellings

i. Minor Subdivision staff approvals