

## **Barnett new Calvert planning director**

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The Calvert County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is pleased to announce the addition of Thomas Barnett as director of the Calvert County Department of Community Planning and Building, effective Sept. 30.

Barnett was most recently president of Hands On Consulting and prior to that was the executive director of metropolitan development for the city of Evansville, Ind. During that time he was responsible for long-range planning, residential and commercial construction management and redevelopment of the city.

Barnett said he is excited to be relocating to Calvert County and anticipates a great relationship with residents.

"I want to sit down and listen to the desires and expectations of the community – everyone from my bosses to the people who live there – and try to figure out what the community wants as a whole," Barnett said.

Calvert County Administrator Terry Shannon said she knows Barnett will be able to use his extensive experience in a variety of planning positions as he helps Calvert County move forward.

"Mr. Barnett has worked in Texas, Kentucky and Indiana, and each of those regions has very different needs," Shannon said. "We believe that diversity of experience will be an asset to our community."

The Department of Community Planning and Building coordinates planning activities within Calvert County Government, including the Planning Commission, the Board of Appeals and other boards and commissions. The department administers the zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations and the building code. It provides information and advice to the community and to the BOCC concerning growth and development in Calvert County. Its mission is to maintain or improve the quality of life for county residents by providing quality planning, zoning and code enforcement services to Calvert County at the direction of the BOCC.