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With a background in serving on the planning commission and economic development committee for the City of Grant, Bob Tatum brings experience to his new position as the new administrator of Perkins County Planning and Zoning administrator.

Tatum began duties in the capacity following the resignation of Chris Loeffler who left her post in mid October. Loeffler had served as Perkins County Planning and Zoning Administrator for 12 years.



Tatum's responsibilities include preparing all necessary permit application forms, reviewing all permits for conformance with the zoning regulations, and issuing permits where authorized within the regulations.

He helps in filling out the required applications, and will explain any unclear zoning procedures. He prepares applications for presentation to the Planning Commission. He also does field inspections of permitted work to check for compliance.

As a former barber and real estate broker in Grant for the past 20 years, Tatum has connections with residents of Perkins County. He will continue in his capacity as a real estate broker with Plainsman Realty in Grant.

"It will be a new challenge, but with my background in real estate and interest in the community, it should be a great fit," said Tatum.

He has served as a member of the Grant City Council for the past three years. His goals at the time of his election to council will continue to serve him well in his new position as the county's planning and zoning administrator. Tatum's former connection to the Southwest Nebraska Community Betterment Corporation also provides experience in knowing the needs of the county and how its residents can best be served.

Members of the Perkins County Planning Commission who Tatum will be working closely with include Val Foster, Bev Hendricks, Bob McCormick, Shaun Meyer, Glenn Colson, Shannon Malmkar, Tom Tines, Debbie Osler, Dennis Demmel.

Office hours for the Perkins County Planning and Zoning Administrator are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., second floor of the Perkins County Courthouse in the Assessor's Office.