Commissioner Cherry Warren  
Barry County, Missouri  
700 Main, Suite 2  
Cassville, MO 65625

RE: Barry County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

To Cherry,

The Southwest Missouri Council of Governments has entered into an agreement with the State Emergency Management Agency and the Barry County Commission to assist with the required five-year update of the Barry County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan approved in January 2012. A FEMA approved local hazard mitigation plan must be in place in order for local units of government to remain eligible for hazard mitigation grant programs.

Multi-Jurisdictional hazard mitigation plans are acceptable as local governments’, schools’, and other special districts’ local hazard mitigation plans provided that each jurisdiction included in the plan participates in the planning process.

Community and stakeholder involvement in the development of the updated hazard mitigation plan is critical to the planning process and necessary to ensure that it meets the needs of all communities and districts included in the plan.

You and/or a representative from your jurisdiction or organization are invited to attend the kick-off meeting for the update of the Barry County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan:

   Monday, February 29th, 2016 at 10:00am
   Barry County Courthouse, 700 Main Street, suite 2, Cassville MO 65625

Topics to be discussed at the kickoff meeting will include greater detail on the update process; plan participants and their responsibilities; elements of the natural hazard mitigation plan and update items; and a timeline for completion, approval, and adoption of the plan update.

If you have any questions about the meeting or the plan update process, please contact me by phone at 417-836-6901 or at davefaucett@missouristate.edu.

Sincerely,

Dave Faucett  
Community Planner  
The Southwest Missouri Council of Governments