

After Agenda

**Board of Commissioners of Spalding County
Work Session
Monday, September 19, 2016
9:00 AM
Meeting Room 108, Courthouse Annex
119 E. Solomon Street**

The Spalding County Board of Commissioners held a Work Session in Room 108 in the Courthouse Annex, Monday, September 19, 2016, beginning at 9:03 a.m. with Chairperson Rita Johnson presiding. Commissioners Bart Miller and Donald Hawbaker were present. Commissioner Gwen Flower-Taylor joined the meeting at 9:09 a.m. Commissioner Raymond Ray was absent from the meeting. Also present were County Manager, William P. Wilson Jr., Assistant County Manager, Eric Mosley, Community Development Director, Chad Jacobs, Zoning Attorney, Newton Galloway and Executive Secretary, Kathy Gibson to record the minutes.

- A. OPENING (CALL TO ORDER)** by Chairperson Rita Johnson.
- B. INVOCATION** led by Commissioner Donald Hawbaker.
- C. PLEDGE TO FLAG** led by Commissioner Barr Miller
- D. AGENDA ITEMS**
 - 1. Comprehensive Plan Overview with discussions on development of the Future Land Use Map and Village Node Concept.

Chad Jacobs, Community Development Director gave an overview of the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use Map The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use Map:

- Preserve Spalding County's rural character
- Maintain Spalding County's small town feel
- Preserve the natural environment
- Manage growth within the county
- Ensure property infrastructure is in place to accommodate new growth while utilizing infrastructure investments to guide growth.
- Establish balance in the choice of housing
- Increase recreational opportunities, both passive and active.

Newton Galloway, Zoning Attorney, then covered the history behind the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Use Map and the need for such a plan in the growth of Spalding County. He advised that by structuring the development within certain areas of the County we can accommodate growth without

sacrificing the rural character and small town feel of Spalding County. Controlled and structured growth will allow our community to develop at a pace that will not overload our current roadways, sewer and water systems. Structured growth will include expansion of these systems to accommodate the growth.

Mr. Jacobs advised that it is time to update the Comprehensive Plan, the project has been let for bid and a company will be recommended to the Board this evening as a result of the bid process to prepare the 2017 Comprehensive Plan Update.

E. ADJOURNMENT

***Motion/Second by Miller/Hawbaker to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m.
Motion carried unanimously by all.***