

KICK-OFF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing to kick off the planning process for updating the joint Comprehensive Plan for Atkinson County and the Cities of Pearson and Willacoochee was held Thursday June 15 at 6:00pm in the City of Pearson Civic Center.

Those in attendance are as follows:

- Bettye Williams, Mayor City of Pearson
- Peggy McClelland, Clerk City of Willacoochee
- George Myers, City of Willacoochee Council member
- Nina Lott, Atkinson County Financial Clerk
- Calandra Holmes, Atkinson County Board of Education
- James P. Gore, Local Citizen

Three public workshops were scheduled to review, discuss and revise as necessary the existing current comprehensive items as follows:

1 st Workshop	Goals, Issues and Opportunities and Policies	July 20 th , City of Pearson Civic Center @ 6:00pm
2 nd Workshop	Report of Accomplishments and Community Work Program	August 17 th , City of Pearson Civic Center @ 6:00pm
3 rd Workshop	Land Use element and Economic Development element	September 21 th , City of Pearson Civic Center @ 6:00pm

*(Separate meetings if needed can be held with individual communities to develop the Report of accomplishments for each and to develop the next five-year Community Work Program for each individual community)

After each workshop, the suggested revisions/input are incorporated into the next iteration of the workbook using notes from the workshops then a new workbook draft is then distributed by email to all stakeholders and published as a draft on the various local government websites and/or Facebook accounts for review and comment prior to the next workshop. This process will be repeated for each workshop.

Public participation is needed and desired for the planning process and everyone is invited to come out for either one or all workshops. Hope to see you there.