

## VETERANS

Lamar Sprinkle  
Derek Roland  
Bobby Kuppers

Approx. 44 attendees

One citizen asked if we had anything in place in Macon County to control growth. We need some growth but we should preserve our small town atmosphere at all costs. There is currently no fund that has been set up by the county to buy land to preserve. Kuppers commented that the county had no plans of getting into that business.

One citizen questioned whether or not the comprehensive plan was just another way of describing zoning. Roland assured the citizen that the comprehensive plan was made up of merely recommendations; these recommendations are to serve as a blueprint for future decision makers in the county to follow. Kuppers reminded the group that the people of Macon County that this is only a plan. Kuppers commented that this was the most open process he had ever seen in Macon County. This will be Macon County's Plan.

Concerns from one citizen centered on job availability in Macon County. The citizen wanted his children and grandchildren to have the opportunity to stay here and work if they wanted to do so. At the same time the citizen understands the importance of the rural character in the county and would like to see it preserved. Comments from this citizen were followed by concerns about selling of the schools. The county should retain the local schools that are being vacated and find ways to use them to our advantage.

We have to put forth some incentive to retain our rural lands. If this goes unattended it will eventually get into the hands of people that do not have the same love for the land as we do. Chairman Nathan Henry wanted to see more celebrations done on behalf of the veterans. Kuppers will bring this before the attention of the board.