

**Baldwin County Commissioners
Work Session
October 20, 2015
5:15 p.m.**

A Work Session of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 5:15 p.m., Baldwin County Courthouse, Suite 319, 121 North Wilkinson Street, Milledgeville, Georgia with Chair Sammy Hall presiding.

Members Present: Emily C. Davis
Tommy French
Sammy Hall
Henry Craig
Johnny Westmoreland

Also Present: David McRee
Ralph McMullen
Dawn Hudson
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Sammy Hall called the Work Session to order at 5:15 p.m.

FY 2016 Budget Request for State Court Judge

State Court Judge Alan Thrower addressed the Board regarding the FY 2016 budget request for State Court Judge. He requested an increase in the salary for State Court Judge, which is currently a part-time position, to \$75,000. Judge Thrower discussed the current caseload of the Court outlining the increase in the number of cases since he has taken office. He discussed the possibility of making the State Court a full-time court.

Mr. Bob Bray, Executive Director of the Council of State Court Judges, presented additional information and "Judge Year Value" studies comparing the current caseload to full-time judges throughout the State.

Commissioners stated they would take the request from State Court Judge Thrower under consideration during the budget process.

Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority (CSHLRA)

Executive Director Mike Couch discussed previous financial investments of the City of Milledgeville and Baldwin County as well as the economic benefit of the CSHLRA. He discussed job creation, infrastructure, increase to the tax base and overall capital investment of the Authority.

Mr. Couch expressed his appreciation to the County for their financial support of CSHLRA and requested an increase in the County's annual funding to \$80,000 for the County 2016 budget.

Commissioners stated they would take this request under consideration during the budget process.

Old Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

New Business

There was no old business to come before the Board.

Adjournment

Commissioner Henry Craig made a motion to adjourn the Work Session at 5:50 p.m. Commissioner Tommy French seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sammy Hall
Chair

Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk