

Baldwin County Commissioners
Work Session
January 5, 2021
5:00 p.m.

A Work Session of the Baldwin County Commissioners was held Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., Government Building, Suite 222, 1601 North Columbia Street, Milledgeville, Georgia with Chair Henry Craig presiding.

Members Present: Henry Craig
Emily C. Davis
Kendrick Butts
Sammy Hall
John Westmoreland

Also Present: David McRee
Carlos Tobar
Dawn Hudson
Jill Adams
Cindy Cunningham

Call to Order

Chair Henry Craig called the January 5, 2021 Work Session to order at 5:00 p.m.

Elections

Elections Superintendent Todd Blackwell addressed the Board regarding the elections process. He explained that with the changes in elections laws, advanced voting, absentee ballots and new voting machines the process has become more complicated and time consuming. He stated he services as Probate Judge and that is his main responsibility; however, with all the new elections laws and requirements he has spent more time on elections supervision. He stated he doesn't have the staff to take care of all the new elections requirements.

Mr. Blackwell asked the Board to consider going to a Board of Elections in the future. He stated if the Board chose to do so, it would not be a quick process. He estimated it would be 2022 before it could be done. He stated the legislature on the federal and state levels will be looking at more changes to upcoming elections.


Discussion was held about the process of establishing a Board of Elections, pros and cons, possible alternatives and a viable timeframe.

Chair Craig asked that the Board continue to have dialogue on this issue.

Adjournment

Commissioner Sammy Hall made a motion to adjourn the Work Session at 5:45 p.m. Commissioner Emily C. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Henry R. Craig
Chairman


Cynthia K. Cunningham
County Clerk