

**Upson County Board of Commissioners and Thomaston Upson County City Council**  
**July 6, 2017 Mid-Year Budget Work Session Minutes**  
**11:00 a.m.**

Attendance

County- Chairman Allen, Comm. J. Ellington, Comm. Wilder, Comm. R. Ellington, County Manager Jim Wheelless, County Clerk Jessica Jones and County Financial Officer Wayne Sandefur

New Business

- A. Chairman Allen opened the public hearing for the mid-year budget. There were no public comments.  
A motion was to close the public hearing.

Mr. Wayne Sandefur explained that the largest part of the decrease in the Griffin Judicial Circuit budget comes from the credit for Judge Ben Miller's salary. There was also a reduction in other expenses.

Comm. J. Ellington stated that in the future he would like every department requesting a budget to come and explain the request to the board.

The Public Defender's budget remained the same at \$372,136, but there were some pay increases.

Chairman Allen noted that they stated in their budget report the following.

*It has been reported that there will be no increases in the percentages for state health benefits, retirement benefits and other fees associated with the salaries of the additional personnel. This proposed budget assumes no increases based on the reported information. It may become necessary to amend the budget if unanticipated increases should occur during FY 2018.*

The DA Griffin Judicial Circuit budget remained the same at \$284,344.

McIntosh Trail CSB Counseling Center budget remained the same at \$75,000, but added the following statement.

*We understand funding is rare in all areas, but if there is any additional funding available that would assist us in refurbishing our front lobby, we would greatly appreciate it. Our furniture has endured several years of clients in and out of the waiting room and is in dire need of replacement.*

Upson County Health Department remained the same at \$181,541.

Department of Family Children Services budget remained the same at \$40,000. This supplement is given on a reimbursement basis that is invoiced.

A motion was made to approve the below 2018 mid-year budgets.

**Motion:** Commissioner Wilder      **Second:** Commissioner R. Ellington

Comm. Wilder – Yes      Comm. R. Ellington – Yes  
Comm. J Ellington – No

**2018 MID-YEAR BUDGET REQUESTS**

<u>Revised 6/23/17</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	
Griffin Judicial Circuit Budget	\$ 146,885	\$ 79,973	46% Decrease
Public Defender	\$ 372,136	\$ 372,136	same as previous year
DA Griffin Judicial Circuit	\$ 284,355	\$ 284,355	same as previous year
McIntosh Trail CSB Counseling Center	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	same as previous year
Upson County Health Department	\$ 200,873	\$ 200,873	same as previous year
Dept of Family Children Services	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	same as previous year

Adjournment

Comm. R. Ellington makes a motion to adjourn with a second by Comm. Wilder.

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Chairman Norman Allen

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Commissioner James Ellington

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Commissioner Lorenzo Wilder

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Commissioner Ralph Ellington

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Commissioner Frank Spraggins

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Jim Wheelless, County Manager