COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chief Allen McCullough
Meeting Date:	Thursday, July 28, 2011	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Presentations to those leaving service to Fayette County: Jimmy Adams and Joanna Huddleston

Background/History/Details:

Jimmy Adams is retiring after 30 years of service to Fayette County. He began his work as a volunteer firefighter in 1975, and was the dispatcher on duty when the Fayette County Courthouse burned in 1982. He was one of the first two fulltime professional firefighters hired by the County in 1981. He has saved lives throughout his career, and was a treasured member of the department.

Joanna Huddleston began her work in the Civil Defense office in 1979 after leaving the private sector. She has retired as the Office Manager for the Department of Public Safety. During her time, she has played a vital part in the growth of the department, and has often filled the role of mentor and advisor to those around her. Her influence and devotion to the department will be missed.

Fayette County wishes both Jimmy and Joanna the very best in their lives and thanks them for their unmeasurable service to the county. Between them they have contributed 60 years to the County. They leave big shoes to be filled.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Recognize these individuals with the presentations of the rocking chairs.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

Joanna Huddleston

Joanna came to Fayette County from the private sector. She began working for Fayette County in December of 1979 in the Civil Defense (CD) office working for then CD Director Russell Edmonson. In 1983 she began her current journey as Admin Assistant to Chief Larry Smith. Chief Smith was hired to bring together all existing fire districts, existing EMS organizations, Civil Defense, and the 911 Center. She retires as the Office Manager for the department and has seen the department grow from only part time workers to the full time Public Safety organization of 200 personnel. She has played a vital part in the growth of the department and seen most of the past and current personnel grow up. She has served the department for 32 years and has played the role of mentor and advisor. She has assisted personnel navigate the in's and out's of the insurance process and assisted most of the department with their FF Pension Fund process. She was always the reminder to the new dad's and mom's to not forget to add the babies to the insurance. She is due some well deserved time at the lake with husband Harry and will now have more time to enjoy her grandchildren.

Jimmy Adams

Jimmy Adams retired from the department after 30 years of service as a firefighter/EMT. Jimmy began as a volunteer firefighter in 1975 and has also worked as a dispatcher earlier in his career. He was the dispatcher on duty when the courthouse burned in 1982. During his career Jimmy has seen the department grow from being one of the first two firefighters hired in 1981 to the current department strength of 150 personnel. He has worked in most all stations and worked on most all types of fire apparatus and on the medic units. Jimmy is a lifetime resident of Fayette County and could find all the calls with a minimum of map assistance. In the early days along with road names most calls came with directions based on past calls and the name of the person calling. He has made a difference in several lives along the way. Jimmy was one of the first few personnel trained to operate the "Jaws of Life" when the first set was purchased in the late 1970's. He is a valued member of the department and community and we wish him well in his retirement.