New Business #11

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, August 14, 2014	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of the Selection Committee's recommendation to reappoint Karen Spangler to the Fayette County Department of Family and Children Services Board, for a five-year term, beginning July 1, 2014 and expiring June 30, 2019.

Background/History/Details:

The mission of the Georgia Department of Human Resources is to strengthen Georgia's families by supporting their self-sufficiency and helping them protect vulnerable children and adults by being a resource for families; not a substitute. County Boards help to achieve the mission by making the Division of Family and Children's Services programs more meaningful to the families and children they are designed to serve. With the help of Board Members, the Division of Family and Children Services will help disadvantaged individuals and families progress toward independence in many aspects of their lives.

Fayette County's Board of Family and Children Services is made up of five volunteering citizens from across the county. Each member has been appointed to the Board by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners for a five-year term. Each Board member serves as a link between the County's Department of Family and Children's Services and the local Fayette County community.

Karen Spangle's term expired on June 30, 2014. Fayette County advertised to fill the vacancy and received five applicants. The Selection Committee comprised of Chairman Steve Brown, Commissioner David Barlow, DFCS Director Susan Boggs, and Captain Pete Nelms interviewed each candidate. The Selection Committee has recommended Karen Spangler for reappointment beginning July 1, 2014 and expiring June 30, 2019.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of the Selection Committee's recommendation to reappoint Karen Spangler to the Fayette County Department of Family and Children Services Board, for a five-year term, beginning July 1, 2014 and expiring June 30, 2019.

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

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

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

Staff Notes:

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

Fayette County Board of Family and Children Services

Thank you for your interest in being considered for appointment to the Fayette County Board of Family and Children Services (DFACS).

The Fayette County Board of Family and Children Services is made up of five volunteering citizens from across the county. Each appointment is for a five-year term, or for the unexpired term of a resigning member. Please do not apply if you will be unable to attend a minimum of eighty percent (80%) of all meetings.

Please take a few minutes to complete the form and answer the questions below and return it with a resume, if available, to Floyd Jones, County Clerk, 140 Stonewall Avenue, West, Suite 100, Fayetteville, GA 30214 no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 13, 2014.

If you have any questions, pleae call (770) 305-5102.

NOTE: Information provided on this form is subject to disclosure as a public record under Georgia Open Records Law.

NAME Karen Whitfield Spangler

ADDRESS [redacted]

TELEPHONE (day) [redacted]

(evening)

(email address) [redacted]

Karen Spangler
Signature

June 11, 2014
Date

1. How long have you been a resident of Fayette County?
   35 years

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Fayette County Board of Family and Children Services (DFACS)?
   To proactively address the needs of children and families in our community and support the work of the Fayette County Department of Family and Children Services as an advocate in the community and a liaison within Fayette County Schools.

3. What qualifications and experience do you possess for appointment to the DFACS Board?
   I was previously employed within Clayton and Fayette DFACS as a Foster Care and Protective Services Caseworker. I was also a facilitator of an educational based student assistance program addressing social, emotional and behavioral issues which impact student achievement.

4. List your recent employment experiences to include name of company and position.
   Fayette County Board of Education from 1992 to present as the Safe and Drug Free School and Children at Risk in Education (C.A.R.E.) Coordinator for students in grades pre-K through 12.

5. Do you have any past experience relating to the DFACS Board? If so, please describe.
   Yes. I have served as the Fayette School System liaison with Fayette DFACS facilitating a cooperative and positive relationship in an effort to best address the needs of children in our community.

6. Are you currently serving on a commission/board/authority or in and elected capacity with any government?
   I currently serve on the Fayette County DFACS Board

7. Have you attended any DFACS Board meetings in the past two years and, if so, how many?
   Yes, all of their meeting as a Board member.

8. Are you willing to attend seminars or continuing education classes at county expense?
   Yes

9. What is your vision of the county's future related to the duties of the DFACS Board?
   My vision is for the Fayette DFACS Board to assist the county in helping families become the best they can be. This includes supporting our local DFACS office by encouraging and nurturing resources and activities within Fayette to help families become strong and independent.

10. Would there be any possible conflict of interest between your employment or your family and you serving on the DFACS Board?

No. My employer encourages and supports an active role with DFACS as part of my role within our school system.

11. Are you in any way related to a County Elected Official or County employee? If so, please describe.
    No

12. Describe your current community involvement.
    Providence UMC – Member/Fayette Factor/Student Assistance Professional Association/Safe Kids

13. Have you been provided a copy of the county's Ethics Ordinance?
    Yes

14. Is there any reason you would not be able to comply with the Ethics Ordinance?
    No

KAREN W. SPANGLER

[redacted]

Certification/Education

Education Specialist (Major: Social Work) 1993
University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA
Master of Education (Major: Guidance and Counseling) 1992
University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA
Bachelor's Degree (Major: Sociology) 1975
University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Professional Experience

2012 - Present	Fayette County Schools Fayetteville, GA	Coordinator of Student Assistance
1992 – 2012	Fayette County Schools Fayetteville, GA	Coordinator SAFE and Drug Free Schools/Children at Risk in Education (C.A.R.E.)
1987 – 1992	Fayette County Dept. of Family and Children Services Fayetteville, GA	Social Services Specialist II
1986 - 1987	Fayette County Dept. of Family and Children Services Fayetteville, GA	Case Work Principal
1979 - 1984	Fayette County Dept. of Family and Children Services Fayetteville, GA	Case Work Senior
1976 – 1979	Clayton County Dept. of Family and Children Services Jonesboro, GA	Case Work Senior

Professional Memberships

Fayette Factor
Safe Kids of Fayette
DFACS Board Member

Professional and Community Activities

1992- Present	Safe Kids of Fayette
1992- 2005	SAPA of Georgia
1997- Present	Fayette Factor
1997- Present	Member of Providence Methodist Church

Awards Received

1998, 1999, 2001, 2002	SAPA of GA Outstanding Team Award
2002	Jeff Townsend Award
2001, 2008, 2010, 2012	Counselor Advocate of the Year Award
2004, 2005	National Museum of Patriotism/KC3 Citizen in Motion