COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Commissioner Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, May 4, 2011	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Discussion of a request by Commissioner Brown that the Board consider creating a formal process for making required appointments to various boards, committees, commissions, and authorities

Background/History/Details:

The Fayette County Board of Commissioners currently makes appointments to 18 boards, commissions and authorities which are created by local ordinance or resolution or by state statute or enabling legislation. These bodies can be either advisory groups or have actual authority given them by law and the terms limits and responsibilities of each group are defined therein.

Historically, County Commissioners have not used a formal process for finding persons interested in serving on boards or committees. Commissioner Brown is asking the Board to consider establishing a formal process that would provide for soliciting citizens who may desire to serve on one of these groups. His desire is to create a "professional and transparent process for selecting appointees to all of Fayette County's commissions and boards".

If a policy is desired, it will take some time to draft such a document for the Board's review and discussion at a future Workshop. When the policy reaches a level of consensus by the Board, it would then be placed on an agenda for adoption.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Consideration and discussion concerning the creation of a professional and transparent process for selecting appointees to all Fayette County commissions and boards. If the Board decides this is a viable practice to endorse, this issue will be coming on following agendas until final approval.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	No	If so, when?	
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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

Staff Notes:

BOARDS AND AUTHORITIES

BOARD OF ASSESSORS	**PLANNING COMMISSION**
The Board of Assessors' composition and duties are set out by State statutes related to the Department of Revenue and its Commissioner. Members are appointed by the Governing Authority which is the Fayette County Board of Commissioners.	This is a recommending body to the Board of Commissioners. The composition and duties are established in the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance. General law allows local communities to impose zoning and land use regulations.
COMMUNICATIONS BOARD	**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**
This Board was created by a 1995 Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners following the consolidation of all of the County's 911 agencies	The composition and duties of this Board are established in the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance. It is a decision making body.
FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD	**REGION 4 EMS COUNCIL**
This Board operates under the jurisdiction of the Georgia Dept. of Human Resources in matters concerning the welfare of families and children in need, short and long term. Members are appointed by the local Governing Authority which is the Fayette County Board of Commissioners.	This agency was established by State law under the Dept. of Human Resources, Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services. It operates under its own constitution and by-laws. It's purpose is to develop, coordinate, and monitor the delivery of emergency medical services with its designated district.
BOARD OF ELECTIONS	**TWO RIVERS RESOURCE, CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.**
Local legislation was passed establishing Fayette County's Board of Elections. Elections activities fall under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State and the Georgia Elections Code.	One of 11 such Councils in Georgia that operate under the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, its services and programs are agricultural in nature. It operates locally under its own constitution and by-laws.
BOARD OF HEALTH	**WATER COMMITTEE**
The composition and duties of the local Board of Health are established by State statutes for the Georgia Dept. of Human Resources, Public Health Division. The seven (7) positions are described within the legislation.	This is an advisory committee only, established by the Board of Commissioners. It has existed in some form since the mid 1980's and has undergone a number of changes in its composition.
WEST CENTRAL GEORGIA MENTAL HEALTH/ DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES/ADDICTIVE DISEASES REGIONAL BOARD	**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**
This Board was established and operates under the statutes of the Georgia Dept. of Human Resources, Mental Health Division.	General law allows local jurisdictions to create Development Authorities. Fayette County established its first Development Authority in 1986. In 1992, the County and its municipalities combined their authorities into the FCDA and the number of members increased from seven (7) to nine (9).

McINTOSH TRAIL MENTAL HEALTH/ DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES/ADDICTIVE DISEASES REGIONAL BOARD	HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
This Board operates under the West Central Georgia MH/DD/AD Regional Board which operates under the Georgia Dept. of Human Resources, Mental Health Division.	General Law (Hospital Act) enables local governments to create Hospital Authorities. The Board of Commissioners enacted the Fayette County Hospital Authority by Resolution in 2000.
LIBRARY BOARD	**PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY**
This Board is an advisory board to the Board of Commissioners but has some decision making authority in its relationship to the Regional Library Board. It is guided by its own Constitution and By-laws.	In 1978 a local legislative act was passed creating the Fayette County Public Facilities Authority. In October, 1978, the Board of Commissioners passed the required Resolution to enact the Authority.
RECREATION COMMISSION	
The Recreation Commission is an advisory board to the Board of Commissioners, created by Resolution of the Board of Commissioners. Members live within districts that are the same as those of County Commissioners.	

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSIONS By the Board of Commissioners (BOC)

	COMMITTEE/BOARD/ AUTHORITY NAME	CURRENT MEMBERS	CURRENT TERM BEGAN	CURRENT TERM EXPIRES	TERM LENGTH	APPOINTING BODY	NOMINATES/ RECOMMENDS	MEETS	COMPEN-SATION	NOTES
1	BOARD OF ASSESSORS The composition and duties of BOA are set out by state statutes related to the Department of Revenue and its Commissioner. Members are appointed by the Governing Authority (BOC).	Kenneth Spaller Sam Burch Thereasa Ocheltree	1-01-06 1-01-11 1-01-10	12-31-11 12-31-16 12-31-15	6 years 6 years 6 years	BOC BOC BOC	BOC BOC BOC	Monthly and as needed	$18.76/hr.	In 2000 all members resigned. After extensive interviews, Ken Spaller was reappointed along with 2 new members. Terms were staggered when the "new" BOA was appointed, to ensure continuity, but will all be 6 years each in the future.
2	COMMUNICATIONS BOARD This Board was created by a 1995 Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners following the consolidation of all of the county's 911 agencies.	Allen McCullough, PS Dir. Ed Collins, Chief Marshal Wayne Hannah, Sheriff Chief Allen Jones, Fay FD Chief S. Heaton, Fay PD Chief H.C. "Skip" Clark, PTC PD Chief Ed Weiswerth PTCFD Chief Brandon Perkins, Tyrone	N/A	N/A	All serve while in their positions.	N/A	N/A	None	N/A	The Ordinance calls for this Board to be composed of the chiefs of all public safety agencies in the County or their designee. It's purpose was described "to oversee the operations of the Consolidated 911 Communications Center, exclusive of personnel matters."
3	FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD This Board operates under the jurisdiction of the Ga. Dept. of Human Resources in matters concerning the welfare of families and children in need, short & long term. Members are appointed by the local Governing Authority.	Angela Hinton Fonda Karen Spangler Pete Nelms Carol Colon Belinda McCastle	7/01/06 7/01/09 7/01/06 7/01/06 1/24/07	6/30/11 6/30/14 6/30/11 6/30/11 1/23/12	5 years	BOC BOC BOC BOC BOC BOC	BOC BOC BOC BOC BOC BOC	Bi-Monthly and when needed	$25 per meeting	Ga. Code requires that local DFCS Board members be appointed by the Governing Authority of the County. In 2004, the number of members was reduced from 6 to 5 to be more in compliance with State law. (Should be 5 or 7 members.)
4	BOARD OF ELECTIONS Local legislation was passed establishing Fayette County's Board of Elections. Elections activities fall under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of State and the Ga. Elections Code.	Darryl Hicks David Studdard Addison Lester	2/01/08 2/01/08 2/01/10	1/31/12 1/31/12 1/31/14	4 years 4 years 4 years	Democratic Pty Republican Pty BOC	BOC certifies BOC certifies BOC certifies	As Needed	$242/mon $242/mon $272/mon	The Fayette County Board of Elections is composed of one member from each of the two major political parties and one appointed solely by the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners must "certify" the appointments of the 2 from the parties and file affidavits in the Court Clerk's Office for all 3.
5	BOARD OF HEALTH The composition and duties of the local BOH are established by state statutes for the Ga. Dept. of Human Resources, Public Health Division. The 7 positions are described within the legislation.	Robert Horgan Don Haddix Thomas Faulkner, MD Superintendent of Schools Michael Strain, MD Lynette Peterson Lyn Redwood	Term Term 1-01-09 Position 1-01-06 1-01-10 1-01-10	N/A N/A 12/31/14 Position 12-31-11 12-31-15 12-31-15	N/A N/A 6 years N/A 6 years 6 years 6 years	BOC Chr/designee Mayor/Larg.M Largest Mun. N/A BOC BOC BOC	BOC Chr./designee Mayor/Larg.M Largest Mun. N/A BOC BOC BOC	Bi-Monthly	$10/Mtg.	The Board of Commissioners appoints 3 of the 7 positions plus the Chairman of the BOC or his/her designee. The appointees must meet certain criteria, i.e. being a consumer of services or a family member of a consumer, a health care provider, etc.

6	REGION THREE MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING BOARD Operates under statutes of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities	John Lane Harriett Steele	8/27/09 4/01/10	8/26/12 3/31/13	May serve (2) 3-year terms plus a portion of an un-expired term.	BOC BOC	BOC BOC	Monthly	.25/mile travel plus meals	This Board operates under the Ga. Dept of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, a Division of the Department of Community Health. State law changed in 2009 and removed public health services from under the Dept of Human Resources.
7	MCINTOSH TRAIL COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD This agency is headquartered in Griffin. This agency works under the Region 3 Board and under the statutes of the Ga. Dept of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities.	Terri Willis Ken Schall	7-01-08 7-01-09	6-30-11 6-30-12	3 - year terms with no term limits.	BOC BOC	Bd. Of Health Bd. Of Health	Monthly	.25/mile travel	This agency arranges and contracts with providers within its assigned communities to deliver mental health services. Several CSB agencies operate within the 28 county region under the control of the Region 3 Mental Health Board. The Board of Health nominates members which are appointed by the Board of Commissioners.
8	LIBRARY BOARD This is an advisory board to the Board of Commissioners but has some decision-making authority in its relationship to the Regional Library Board. It is guided by its own Constitution and By-laws.	Jeanette Ballard Ellen Steinbach Dortha Stinson Marie Washburn Lisa Richardson Kim Morris Jean White	1-1-09 1-1-08 1-1-09 1-1-11 1-1-11 1-1-11 1-1-09	12-31-12 12-31-11 12-31-12 12-31-14 12-31-14 12-31-14 12-31-12	4 years 4 years 4 years 4 years 4 years 4 years 4 years	BOC BOC BOC BOC BOC BOC BOC	BOC BOC BOC PTC Tyrone Brooks Fayetteville	Quarterly	None	This Board has existed in some form since the 1930's. The Library Board has 7 members and includes 1 member each from the municipalities of Tyrone, Brooks, Fayetteville and Peachtree City. The actual authority of this Board has not been successfully established.
9	RECREATION COMMISSION The Recreation Commission is an advisory board to the Board of Commissioners, created by Resolution of the BOC. Members live within districts that are the same as those of County Commissioners.	Charles McCollum, Post 1 Joe Kuebler, Post 2 Shane Jones, Post 3 Darryl Hicks, Post 4 At-large Tom Stephens, Post 5 At-lge	9-01-07 6-01-10 1-01-11 4-01-08 4-01-08	08-31-11 05-31-14 12-31-14 03-31-12 03-31-12	4 years 4 years 4 years 4 years 4 years	BOC BOC BOC BOC BOC	BOC BOC BOC BOC BOC	Monthly	None	The first Recreation Commission was appointed in 1976 when the County began to receive grants to develop facilities and to provide organized programs to the public. This group evaluates programs, facilities, etc. and makes recommendations to the Recreation Dept. staff and BOC on operational and capital issues.
10	PLANNING COMMISSION This is a recommending body to the Board of Commissioners. The composition and duties are established in the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance. General law allows local communities to impose zoning and land use regulations.	Al Gilbert, Post 1 James E. Graw, Post 2 Tim Thoms, Post 3 Bill Beckwith, Post 4 At-Lge Doug Powell, Post 5 At-Lge	1-01-10 1-01-10 1-01-11 1-01-11 1-01-09	12-31-12 12-31-12 12-31-13 12-31-13 12-31-11	3 years 3 years 3 years 3 years 3 years	BOC BOC BOC BOC BOC	BOC BOC BOC BOC BOC	Twice Monthly	$250/mon.	Applications for rezoning of property in unincorporated Fayette Co. and amendments to the Zoning and other related ordinances are heard by the PC. Recommendations made to the BOC, along with those from staff, are used to aid BOC members in making final decisions on these matters.
11	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS The composition and duties of this Board are established in the Fayette County Zoning Ordinance. It is a decision making body.	Vic Bolton, At-Large Larry Blanks, At-Large Bill Beckwith., At-Large Tom Mahon, At-Large Brian Haren, At-Large	1-01-09 1-01-11 1-01-10 1-01-11 1-01-11	12-31-11 12-31-13 12-31-12 12-31-13 12-31-13	3 years 3 years 3 years 3 years 3 years.	BOC BOC BOC BOC BOC	BOC BOC BOC BOC BOC	Monthly if needed	$50/mtg. attended	This Board hears requests for variances and special exceptions to zoning ordinances and related codes. Its decisions are final and are not relegated to any other body. All seats on the ZBA are “at-large” positions.

12	REGION 4 EMS COUNCIL This agency was established by state law under the Department of Human Resources, Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services. It operates under its own constitution and by-laws. It's purpose is to develop, coordinate, and monitor the delivery of emergency medical services within its designated district.	Allen McCullough Steve Folden Peki Prince	7-01-09 7-01-09 7-01-10	6-30-11 6-30-11 6-30-12	2 years 2 years	BOC BOC	BOC BOC	Quarterly	N/A	The Federal Emergency Medical Systems Act of 1973 enabled the State Dept. of Human Resources to create "local coordinating entities" within each of the state's health districts,. District Four, within which Fayette County lies, established the Region Four EMS Council. It's by-laws describe the terms and qualifications of its members. Accordingly, Fayette County has two seats on this Council.
13	TWO RIVERS RESOURCE, CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC. One of 11 such Councils in Georgia that operate under the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, its services and programs are agricultural in nature. It operates locally under its own constitution and by-laws.	Travis Hardy Pete Frisina (Alternate)	Serve at pleasure of the BOC		Until resign or replaced	BOC BOC	BOC BOC	Twice quarter and as needed	None	Two Rivers is made up of 14 counties and 4 soil conservation districts situated between the Chattahoochee and Ocmulgee Rivers and is a not-for-profit group. Each member agency is entitled to 1 voting and 1 alternate member. They operate from fees, grants and dues. Co. dues are $300 per year.
14	WATER COMMITTEE This is an advisory committee only, established by the Board of Commissioners. It has existed in some form since the mid 1980's and has undergone a number of changes in its composition.	Jack Krakeel, CA Tony Parrott, WS Mgr. Pete Frisina, Dir/Com. Dev. Chip Conner, At-Large Brian Cardoza, At-Large David Yaeger (non voting)	Serve at pleasure of the BOC		Position Position Position Position	BOC BOC BOC BOC BOC BOC	BOC BOC BOC BOC BOC BOC	Twice Monthly	None	During the planning and development of reservoirs and other major capital projects, this group has been very active and has been relied upon heavily by the BOC.
15	DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY General law allows local jurisdictions to create Development Authorities. Fayette County established its first Development Authority in 1986. In 1992, the County and its municipalities combined their authorities into the FCDA. Number of members increased from 7 to 9.	Randy Hayes, Chairman Mark Hollums John Woody Richard Whitely Joe Morton Phil Smelley Jason Thompson Hollis Harris Mike Brady	4-10-08 ----- ----- ----- ----- 4-10-10 4-10-10 4-10-10 4-10-10	4-09-12 ----- ----- ----- ----- 4-09-14 4-09-14 4-09-14 4-09-14	4 years 4 years 4 years 4 years 4 years 4 years 4 years 4 years 4 years	BOC PTC Dev. Auth. Tryone PTC AP Auth. Fayetteville BOC BOC BOC BOC	BOC PTC Dev. Auth. Tyrone PTC Airport Auth. Fayetteville BOC BOC BOC BOC	Monthly	None	In its present state, the FCDA is made up of one appointee each from Tyrone and Fayetteville, one each from the PTC Dev. Authority and the Airport Authority and 5 members appointed at-large by the Board of Commissioners. The Authority selects its own Chairman. The greatest majority of its funding is from the BOC which provides for a full-time staff and office operation.
16	HOSPITAL AUTHORITY General law (Hospital Act) enables local governments to create Hospital Authorities. The BOC enacted the FCHA by Resolution in 2000.	Jack Krakeel, Chairman Darrell McKinney Joan Smith Stephen Widener Dr. Dave Lee Carol Chandler, Sec.	6-01-08 6-01-10 6-01-10 6-01-08 6-01-10	5-31-12 5-31-14 5-31-14 5-31-12 5-31-14	4 years 4 years 4 years 4 years 4 years	BOC BOC BOC BOC BOC	BOC BOC BOC BOC BOC	As Needed	None	

17	PUBLIC FACILITIES AUTHORITY In 1978 a local legislative act was passed creating the Fayette County PFA. In October, 1978, the Board of Commissioners passed the required Resolution to enact the Authority.	Brian Cardoza Mary Shavers Jack Smith Carol Chandler, Sec.	7-23-10 7-23-10 7-23-10	7-22-11 7-22-11 7-22-11	1 year 1 year 1 year	BOC BOC BOC	BOC BOC BOC	As Needed	None	Though the PFA was enacted by the BOC in 1978, members were not appointed until 2000 when the County began plans to finance the new Jail Expansion and Justice Center.
18	BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) Members are appointed by the Grand Jury. The composition and duties of this Board are established and regulated by the statutes of the Georgia Department of Revenue. County Commission has no jurisdiction over this Board.	This Board is composed of 12 members who make up 2 panels with alternates included.			3 Years					

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