COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Fire & Emergency Services	Presenter(s):	M. Allen McCullough/Thomas Bartlett
Meeting Date:	Thursday, May 12, 2011	Type of Request:	Consent

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of staff's request to use grant funds to purchase a mobile classroom from the Fayette County Board of Education and to enhance security at Fire and Emergency Services Headquarter's Offices, including the Emergency Operations Center.

Background/History/Details:

The Hazard Mitigation Act of 2000 required local governments to submit a Hazard Mitigation Plan for the community and every 5 years local Emergency Management must complete an update of the plan for submission to Georgia Emergency Management (GEMA). To assist with this plan update, GEMA makes grant funding available with the county providing a match should the county hire a plan contractor. This year the update was completed in-house without the assistance of a contractor and the state accepted the hours of time county personnel logged as in-kind services to meet the county match portion of the grant. The GEMA portion of the grant paid the county $15,862. Fire & Emergency Services is requesting the use of this grant funding for two projects to enhance training and security within the department. Training: Purchase a mobile classroom from the BOE and have this placed at the Fire Training area. The department would be responsible for the moving and set-up of this classroom, electrical hook-up, and furnishing of the building. By having this classroom available personnel taking part in training would be able to attend classroom training and then move outside to the tower or burn building to complete any practical portion of training. Currently students attending training attend classroom sessions at Stonewall in the EOC or at Station 8, then travel to the burn building for practical training. This is an inefficient practice, thus, by having this mobile classroom more effective use of time can be accomplished. Security: Enhancements would be made to control access to Fire & Emergency Services Headquarters to include the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). In the EOC the glass front would be modified to eliminate some of the risk of glass breakage from effecting the operations of the EOC during violent weather events.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of staff's request to use grant funds to purchase a mobile classroom from the Fayette County Board of Education and to enhance security at the Fire and Emergency Services Headquarters Offices and the Emergency Operations Center by:
Authorizing funding not to exceed $4,635 for the acquisition, moving, set up and furnishing of the mobile classroom.
Authorizing funding not to exceed $10,300 for security upgrades at Fire and Emergency Services Headquarters.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Transfer funding from grant accounts, Project 1930A in the amount of $14,935. Project numbers to be established by Finance Department.

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?	No

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

Staff Notes: