COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Administration	Presenter(s):	Jack Krakeel
Meeting Date:	Thursday, July 14, 2011	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Award for Fayette County's annual budget document for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

Background/History/Details:

This is the 14th consecutive year Fayette County has received this award from GFOA. To qualify for the budget award, Fayette County must satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. The guidelines are designed to assess how well Fayette County's budget document serves as a policy document, as a financial plan, as an operations guide, and as a communications device.

GFOA is a prestigious nonprofit professional association serving over 17,600 government professionals throughout North America. It is considered the gatekeeper for monitoring and recommending improvements to government financial reporting and consistently influences changes in reporting standards that "raise the bar" for government entities. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Acknowledge Fayette County's receipt of this award.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not applicable.

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

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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:

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April 8, 2011

Mr. Sergio Acevedo
Budget Officer
Favette Countv
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Fayetteville, GA 30214

Dear Mr. Acevedo:

A Panel of independent reviewers has completed its examination of your budget document. We are pleased to inform you that the panel has voted to award your budget document the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the current fiscal period. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. Its attainment represents a significant achievement by your organization.

The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is valid for one year. To continue your participation in the program, it will be necessary to submit your next annual budget document to GFOA within 90 days of the proposed budget's submission to the legislature or within 90 days of the budget's final adoption. Enclosed is an application form to facilitate a timely submission. This form should be submitted with four copies of your budget accompanied by the appropriate fee.

Each program participant is provided with confidential comments and suggestions for possible improvements to the budget document. Your comments are enclosed. We urge you to carefully consider the suggestions offered by our reviewers as you prepare your next budget.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget presentation is also presented to the individual or department designated as being primarily responsible for its having achieved the award. Enclosed is a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Preparation for:

Finance Department

Your award plaque will be mailed separately and should arrive within eight to ten weeks. Enclosed is a camera-ready reproduction of the award for inclusion in your next budget. If you reproduce the camera-ready in your next budget, it should be accompanied by a statement indicating continued compliance with program criteria.

The following standardized text should be used:

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to **Fayette County, Georgia** for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning **July 1, 2010.** In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device.

This award is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.

A press release is enclosed.

The Government Finance Officers Association encourages you to make arrangements for a formal presentation of the award. If you would like the award presented by a member of your state or provincial finance officers association, we can provide the name of a contact person for that group.

We appreciate your participation in this program and we sincerely hope that your example will encourage others in their efforts to achieve and maintain excellence in governmental budgeting. The most current list of award recipients (with hyperlinks) can be found on GFOA's website at www.gfoa.org. If we can be of further assistance, please contact the Technical Services Center.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Gauthier, Director
Technical Services Center

Enclosure