COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Commissioner Horgan
Meeting Date:	Thursday, October 13, 2011	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of the appointment of Leslie Edwards to the Region Six Mental Health Regional Planning Board for a term to be determined by the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

Background/History/Details:

The Board of Commissioners is required to make appointments to two boards related to the delivery of Mental Health Services. There is the McIntosh Trail Community Services Board which is more involved with the direct delivery of local mental health services, and the Region Six Regional Mental Health Planning Board which evaluates and plans services for a 31 county area from a regional perspective, with the ability to influence funding. Mental Health services in Georgia underwent sweeping changes in 2010. The Georgia Department of Behavorial Health and Developmental Disabilities was created and mental health services were moved from underneath the Department of Human Resources to the new agency. Fayette County was moved out of Region 3 (same counties as ARC) to Region Six.
With the reorganization of the regional boards, counties are being asked to reappoint existing members and any new members without defining the expiration of terms. The Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities will establish the initial terms of all the Board's members to ensure they are staggered. In the future, new terms will be for 3 years each with term limits. This Board meets every other month in Thomaston.

Ms. Edwards is a well-known local businesswoman, active in the community. She holds a degree in mental health.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Consideration of the appointment of Leslie Edwards to the Region Six Mental Health Regional Planning Board for a term to be determined by the Regional Director.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

N/A

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:

The two previous members of this Board were John Lane and Harriett Steele. Mr. Lane can no longer serve because of scheduling conflicts. Ms. Steele recently passed away. In addition to the seat under consideration at this time, the Board will need to fill the two remaining seats on this Board. There have been no changes in the process for making appointments, thus staff has processed this request in accordance with established practice.