COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, February 14, 2013	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, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

Background/History/Details:

This is the 15th consecutive year Fayette County has received this award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). To qualify for the budget award, Fayette County had to 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.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Acknowledge Fayette County's receipt of this award. Chairman Steve Brown will make the presentation to the County's Finance Staff.

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

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March 8, 2012

Mr. Jack J. Krakeel
County Administrator
Fayette County
140 Stonewall Avenue West, Suite 100
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Dear Mr. Krakeel:

I am pleased to notify you that Fayette County, Georgia has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the current budget from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and represents a significant achievement by your organization.

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. This has been presented to:

Finance Department

We hope you will arrange for a formal public presentation of the award, and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A press release is enclosed for your use.

We appreciate your participation in GFOA's Budget Awards Program. Through your example, we hope that other entities will be encouraged to achieve excellence in budgeting.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Gauthier, Director
Technical Services Center

Enclosure

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PRESS RELEASE

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Chicago--The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) is pleased to announce that **Fayette County, Georgia** has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its budget.

The award represents a significant achievement by the entity. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the entity had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- a policy document
- a financial plan
- an operations guide
- a communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

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For budgets including fiscal period 2010, over 1,289 entities received the Award. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

The Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit professional association serving nearly 17,400 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

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