COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Administration	Presenter(s):	County Administrator Steve Rapson
Meeting Date:	Thursday, February 28, 2013	Type of Request:	Consent

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of staff's recommendation to adopt Resolution 2013-03 imposing a 911 charge for Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) Services subscribed to by subscribers whose billing addresses are within the jurisdiction of Fayette County, Georgia, at a rate of $1.50 per month per VOIP subscriber.

Background/History/Details:

Historically, Fayette County has imposed 911 charges on telephone services and wireless telecommunications within Fayette County.

Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) typically refers to communications that are transported via the internet instead of through a public switched telephone network. VOIP is also available on smartphones and other portable devises that are not phones, such as laptops, that are able to connect with and send communications through internet technology (Examples include text messaging or fax messages).

Resolution 2013-03 will impose a monthly $1.50 911 charge for VOIP services which are subscribed to by subscribers whose billing addresses are in Fayette County's jurisdiction.

This monthly charge is permitted by Georgia State Law.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

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If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

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

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

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

Staff Notes:

STATE OF GEORGIA

FAYETTE COUNTY

RESOLUTION

NO. 2013-___

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA; TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPOSITION OF A 911 CHARGE FOR VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL (VOIP) SERVICE; TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for Fayette County (the "County") is the duly elected governing authority for the County; and

WHEREAS, the County presently operates an Emergency 911 System; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has adopted resolutions imposing a monthly 911 charge on telephone services and wireless telecommunications within the County;

WHEREAS, the 911 charge imposed upon telephone service and wireless telecommunications is $1.50 per month per subscriber and is uniform and does not vary according to the type of telephone service or wireless telecommunications used; and

WHEREAS, Part 4 of Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 46 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated authorizes a local government to impose a monthly 911 charge on Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) services subscribed to by subscribers whose billing addresses are within the jurisdiction of the local government; and

WHEREAS, such charges may be imposed at a rate of up to $1.50 per month per VOIP subscriber; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the question of imposing a wireless enhanced 911 charge in the County on _____, _____, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of Fayette County, Georgia that a monthly 911 charge shall hereby be imposed upon Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) services subscribed to by subscribers whose billing addresses are within the jurisdiction of Fayette County, Georgia at a rate of $1.50 per month per VOIP subscriber.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said wireless charge shall be imposed on the first day of the month of _____, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to each Voice over Internet Protocol service supplier providing service in Fayette County, Georgia.

SO RESOLVED this ____ day of _____, 2013.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF FAYETTE COUNTY,
GEORGIA

By:_____
Steve Brown, Chairman

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

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Floyd Jones, County Clerk

Approved as to form:

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County Attorney