COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, March 14, 2013	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of Chairman Brown's recommendation to adopt Resolution 2013-08 supporting the rescission of the Road Tax Penalty from the Transportation Investment Act.

Background/History/Details:

Refer to Resolution 2013-08 attached as backup to this request.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of Chairman Brown's recommendation to adopt Resolution 2013-08 supporting the rescission of the Road Tax Penalty from the Transportation Investment Act.

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:

County of Fayette;
State of Georgia

RESOLUTION 2013-08

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESCINDING THE ROAD TAX PENALTY FROM THE TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT ACT

WHEREAS, The Transportation Investment Act of 2010 (TIA) was passed hurriedly as the 2010 General Assembly waned to a close, with little public input and little public knowledge of what was contained in the bill; and

WHEREAS, The overwhelming majority of citizens in Fayette County, both Republican and Democrat, voted in opposition of the TIA referendum held in July of 2012; and

WHEREAS, Not a single county in the traffic-filled metropolitan Atlanta Region approved the TIA referendum; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Investment Act referendum was voted down by citizen taxpayers in the Northwest Georgia Region, Georgia Mountains Region, Atlanta Region, Three Rivers Region, Northeast Georgia Region, Middle Georgia Region, Southwest Georgia Region, South Georgia Region and the Coastal Region; and

WHEREAS, We determine it is un-American and undemocratic to create a bill touted as a referendum, asking the electorate to decide, and penalize them if they oppose the measure; and

WHEREAS, We view any claim that the citizen taxpayers brought this egregious penalty onto themselves as thoughtless and irresponsible as the general public had little idea of what was in TIA bill; and

WHEREAS, There was no "local opportunity to decide" as the entire process, including the referendum and penalty was **mandated** by the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, The Fayette County Board of Commissioners believes, "One should not treat others in ways that one would not like to be treated," and the State Legislature has not levied such penalties against itself;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County does hereby formally request that the State Legislature, reflecting the desires of Georgia's citizens with full accountability, rescind all penalties from the TIA as stated in Senate Bill 73. Be it further resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Fayette County pose no objection with three regions that approved the TIA retaining the lower 10% match for the duration of the tax period.

So resolved this 14th day of March 2013, by the

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

Attest:

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Steve Brown, Chairman

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Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk