COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Steve Brown
Meeting Date:	Thursday, August 15, 2013	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of a recommendation from Chairman Brown and Commissioner Ognio to appoint Mr. Todd Strickland to the Fayette County Development Authority, to fill State Court Judge Jason Thompson's unexpired term, and for said appointment to expire on April 9, 2014.

Background/History/Details:

The Fayette County Development Authority is a volunteer body comprised of nine members. Five members are appointed to at-large positions, for four-year terms, by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners. Two members are appointed by the City of Fayetteville and the Town of Tyrone, respectively. The remaining two positions are filled by the chairpersons of the Peachtree City Development Authority and the Peachtree City Airport Authority.

Fayette County's Development Authority sets policy, determines annual goals, and serves as a liaison between the business community and local government. This board utilizes individual talents and experiences in building consensus in an effort to facilitate an improved business climate, diversified economic base, and a steady economy that results in benefits for every citizen, business owner, and government in Fayette County.

State Court Judge Jason Thompson resigned his position on the Development Authority earlier this year after becoming a State Court Judge. Fayette County advertised the vacant positions and received nine (9) applications from citizens across the county. Chairman Brown and Commissioner Ognio interviewed the applicants and agreed to nominate Mr. Todd Strickland to fill the unexpired term.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of a recommendation from Chairman Brown and Commissioner Ognio to appoint Mr. Todd Strickland to the Fayette County Development Authority, to fill State Court Judge Jason Thompson's unexpired term, and for said appointment to expire on April 9, 2014.

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		Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing		County Clerk's Approval	
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

5pm

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
Fayette County Development Authority

Thank you for your interest in being considered for appointment to the Fayette County Development Authority.

Applicants must be a legal resident of the State of Georgia and have been a resident of Fayette County for at least six months prior to the date an application is submitted.

The Fayette County Development Authority is comprised of nine members. Five of the members are appointed to at-large positions by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners for four-year terms. Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Historic County Courthouse, which located in the center of Fayetteville. Please do not apply if you will be unable to attend a minimum of eighty percent (80%) of all meetings. **Applicants are encouraged to attend as many Fayette County Development Authority meetings as possible in an effort to become familiar with the responsibilities of the post.**

Please take a few minutes to complete the form and answer the questions on the reverse side of this form and return it with a resume, if available, to Floyd Jones, County Clerk, 140 Stonewall Avenue, West, Suite 100, Fayetteville, GA 30214 no later than 5:00 p.m. on July 5, 2013.

If you have any questions, please call (770) 305-5102.

NOTE: Information provided on this form is subject to disclosure as a public record under Georgia Open Records Law.

NAME Todd Strickland

ADDRESS [redacted]

TELEPHONE (day) [redacted]

(evening) [redacted]

(email address) [redacted]

Todd Strickland — Signature

7/15/13 — Date

How long have you been a resident of Fayette County?

I have lived in Fayette County continuously since 1975 except for my time at college and two years in Newnan.

Why are you interested in serving on the Fayette County Development Authority?

I have been a business owner in Fayette County for over 20 years. I grew up here. My wife and I are raising a family here. My parents live here. Fayette County is truly my home and I feel obligated to give something back. Thus, I wish to volunteer my time in an area that pertains to my background in hopes of maintaining or even improving Fayette County's great quality of life. Also, I truly enjoy the process of working with other community leaders and concerned citizens.

What qualifications and experience do you possess that should be considered for appointment to the Fayette County Development Authority?

I have seven years of experience working on the Development Authority of Peachtree City which included approximately two years as a representative to the Fayette County Development Authority. During my time on these boards I like to think that I displayed insightful leadership and a passion for economic development. I have attended both basic and advanced economic development training classes provided by the state. I have guided a range of economic development projects and understand how to work with a wide range of stakeholders. I have had successes and failures during my time on Development Authorities and I have learned from both experiences. I feel that I now have a somewhat unique background in with Development Authorities and believe I can make a positive contribution to economic development in Fayette County.

With regards to general qualifications, I am the Managing Principal in a 33 person architecture and planning firm called Historical Concepts. It is an award winning company that attracts clients and staff members from across the nation. My responsibilities at Historical Concepts give me a comprehensive understanding of the business matters and challenges that confront small to medium sized business owners. I also understand how establishing a vision in terms of planning and architecture for a given parcel of land can create opportunity and elevate property values.

Lastly, my leadership roles at the Development Authority of Peachtree City and also within Historical Concepts required that I have the ability to make a point in open forum and build consensus with groups. My success in these areas stems from a genuine enjoyment of working with others, listening to people with different perspectives and then strategizing on how to best implement good ideas.

List your recent employment experiences to include name of company and position.

I have worked at Historical Concepts since I graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in economics in 1993.

Do you have any past experience relating to this position? If so, please describe.

See above.

Are you currently serving on a commission/board/authority or in an elected capacity with any government?

I am currently serving on the Peachtree City Board of Ethics. However, it has very limited involvement and I can resign from this position if it creates a conflict with the Fayette County Development Authority.

Have you attended any Fayette County Development Authority meetings in the past two years and, if so, how many?

No. If memory serves me I do not believe that I have attended any meetings during the past two years. However, I attended numerous Fayette County Development Authority meetings in the past.

Are you willing to attend seminars or continuing education classes at county expense?

Absolutely. I have learned great deal from the continuing education classes on economic development that I have taken in the past and welcome the opportunity to attend other classes as needed.

What is your vision of the county's future related to the duties of the Fayette County Development Authority?

If I were appointed to the Fayette County Development Authority I would first listen to what the existing members feel are important initiatives and do what I can to support these efforts. Obviously, recruiting more corporate headquarters to Fayette County and establishing more expansive college campuses would be beneficial. Business retention and land redevelopment are areas of interest that can have a positive effect on economic development. Lastly, I believe that it would be beneficial for the county to explore ways to ensure that the increase in our senior citizen population is balanced by an increase in younger demographics as well.

Would there be any possible conflict of interest between your employment or your family and you serving on the Fayette County Development Authority?

No. With that said, I do need to mention that Historical Concepts is currently under contract with Fayette County Development Authority to provide planning services for the property surrounding the hospital (ie – West Fayette Village). It is my understanding that this scope of work will be completed within the next 90 days and that the Fayette County Development Authority is not likely to commission architecture/planning services in the future. Thus, it is my belief that there will be no conflict of interest if I were fortunate enough to be selected to serve on the Fayette County Development Authority.

Are you in any way related to a County Elected Official or County employee? If so, please describe.

No.

Describe your current community involvement.

Since the disbandment of the Development Authority of Peachtree City eighteen months ago, I have been focused primarily on business and family matters. However, for the seven years prior to that economic development was my primary civic involvement. Also, over the years I have often wound up volunteering my time on various planning related projects (ie – PTC West Side Task Force, Hwy 54 Livable Centers Initiative, Hwy 54 and 74 Overlay Committee, Walgreens modifications, Calula Hills planning, etc…). In each case, I have gladly spent time on these projects in hopes of having a positive affect on the quality of each.

You have been given a copy of the county's Ethics Ordinance. Is there any reason you would not be able to comply with the ordinance?

No.