COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Charles Oddo
Meeting Date:	March 26, 2015	Type of Request:	Proclamation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Recognition of Fayette County's E-911 Communication Director, Cheryl Rogers, for her thirty-six years of service in public safety and for earning the E-911 Director of the Year Award for the State of Georgia.

Background/History/Details:

Cheryl began her career in public-safety in 1979 as a dispatcher for the Peachtree City Police Department. In 1981 she accepted a position as a police officer and served in that capacity until she married fellow officer, Michael Rogers in 1983 and returned to the dispatch center in 1984.

Working as a supervisor, then manager of the Communications Division, she was also instrumental in the achievement of National Accreditation of the Police Department. In 1995 she was hired by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners to begin a consolidated public-safety dispatch center that would serve the needs of all public-safety agencies in Fayette County. Cheryl dispatched Law Enforcement and Fire, plus trained while employed with Peachtree City. She continued to fill in and be part of the “team” when needed and at times when the center fell short on personnel even after becoming the Director. She has stood strong and supported the 911 center when making budgetary requests. She has always been in support of the latest technology to insure the communications officers had the equipment necessary to do their job.

Cheryl was a member of APCO (Association of Public Safety Communications Officials) and NENA (National Emergency Number Association). She became a Board Officer with NENA, where she served for approximately 10 years.

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:

Cheryl will retire from Fayette County on Friday, March 27, 2015 after 36 years of service.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Cheryl Rogers to Retire from Fayette County E911 Communications

After 36 years of working devotedly as the Communications Director for Fayette County E911, Cheryl Rogers, is set to retire on March 27, 2015.

Cheryl began her career in public safety in 1979 as a dispatcher for the Peachtree City Police Department. In 1981, she accepted a position as a police officer and served in that capacity until she married fellow officer, Michael Rogers, in 1983. Cheryl returned to the dispatch center in 1984. Working at first as a supervisor then later as manager of the Communications Division, Cheryl was instrumental in helping the Peachtree City Police Department achieve national accreditation.

In 1995, Cheryl was hired by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners to initiate a consolidated public safety dispatch center that would serve the needs of all the public safety agencies in Fayette County.

Cheryl has been a member was a member of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) and of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) where she served as a NENA Board Officer for approximately ten years.

"While we are grateful that Cheryl is transitioning into retirement, the loss of her expertise and knowledge will be felt for years to come," said County Manager Steve Rapson. "Fayette County's E-911 operations are going to miss her guiding hand."

When asked what her plans are after retirement, Cheryl replied that she has a family cruise planned two weeks after retiring, and that she wants to spend more time camping with husband, Michael, while enjoying their two Dachshunds, Zoey and Coco.

Chairman Charles Oddo commended Cheryl Rogers saying: "The County's Emergency 911 Center is the hub of communications for our public safety facilities throughout the entire county. Cheryl was at the helm early in that process and has continued to serve the county with her experience, knowledge, professionalism, and hard work. Her tenure with the county has been beyond measure."

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