COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	ELECTIONS	Presenter(s):	Thomas L. Sawyer
Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 24, 2009	Type of Request:	Old Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Further discussion by Tom Sawyer, Elections Supervisor, concerning funding the cost of the one-percent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Referendum scheduled for November 3, 2009.

Background/History/Details:

On August 13, 2009, the Board of Commissioners approved a resolution requesting the call for a referendum allowing a vote on a question to the qualified voters of Fayette County on whether or not a one percent special purpose local option sales and use tax should be reimposed within Fayette County, upon the termination of the special on percent tax which is in effect until April 1, 2010. The Board of Elections called for the election to be held on November 3, 2009. Funding to conduct this election was not included in the FY 2010 budget, thus an amount up to $35,000 is being requested to be transferred to the Election Budget from Contingency to pay for the referendum.

The Board discussed this issue at their September 10 meeting. The cost estimate for holding the election included an amount for the notification by postcard to some municipal voters who may not be clear as to their polling location for voting in their municipal election and the special referendum. There was concern that any notification of polling locations not be perceived as promoting/encouraging one to support or not support the referendum. The Board asked for review of the wording on the notifications and review of it by the County Attorney. Therefore, no action was taken until further discussion could occur.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of the Elections Department's request to transfer up to $35,000 from Contingency to the Election Department's Budget to fund the cost of conducting the Special County-wide Election on November 3, 2009. This is based on a referendum resolution approved by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners at their August 13, 2009 meeting requesting a referendum for a Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Funding is requested to come fro the County's Contingency Fund.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	Yes	If so, when?	Thursday, September 10, 2009
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?		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	Yes		

Staff Notes: