COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	County Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Will Simmons, Court Administrator
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, August 4, 2010	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Discussion of a fifth judgeship for the Griffin Judicial Circuit.

Background/History/Details:

Fayette County's court system is a part of the Griffin Judicial Circuit, which also includes Pike, Spalding and Upson Counties. Georgia has 49 Judicial Circuits. In the Griffin Circuit, there are four superior court judges that serve the four counties. Costs for running the court system are shared between all the counties.

There is consideration underway about whether or not a fifth judge needs to be added to the Griffin Judicial Circuit. This decision lies with the Judicial Council of Georgia but input from the affected counties is being sought.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Discussion.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

None at this time. Any changes in the structure of the Circuit would eventually effect all four counties involved.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	Yes	If so, when?	Wednesday, July 7, 2010
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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

Staff Notes: