COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Commissioner Horgan
Meeting Date:	Thursday, March 24, 2011	Type of Request:	Old Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of Resolution No. 2011-06 which withdraws support for local legislation associated with Resolution No. 2010-22 which related to introducing legislation to amend certain provisions of the local act creating the Fayette County Board of Elections, specifically how the process for appointment of its members occurs.

Background/History/Details:

Elections and voter registration issues in Fayette County are managed by a county department known as the "Elections Department", which is staffed by full time employees. However, the Fayette County Board of Elections has certain responsibilities in terms of certifying that elections have been held in accordance with Georgia's Elections Laws. There are three members of the Board of Elections. One is appointed by each of the political parties and one is appointed by the Board of Commissioners.

In December of 2010, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 2010-22 which supported introducing legislation that would have changed the manner in which members of the Board of Elections are appointed. After hearing from a number of citizens who opposed the legislation, including one sitting member of the Board of Elections, the Board of Commissioners decided not to support the local legislation that would make changes to the Board of Elections appointments.

To confirm the current Board's position, Resolution 2011-06 is under consideration, which would withdraw any earlier support for new legislation.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Motion to approve Resolution 2011-06 which withdraws support of legislation that would have altered the process for how appointments to the Fayette County Board of Elections must occur.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

No funding required.

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

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

Staff Notes:

State of Georgia;
County of Fayette

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA RELATING TO LOCAL LEGISLATION RELATIVE TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, in 1994, the General Assembly approved the RE-creation of the Fayette County Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS, the Fayette County Board of Commissioners has previously determined that there existed a need to change certain provisions of this local legislation relating to the confirmation of the board of elections members; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has spent much time and effort in reviewing those changes to the Board of Elections and determined, after consultation with a member of the board of elections, that those changes are unwarranted; and

WHEREAS, while the time for a motion to reconsider the prior action has passed, the Board of Commissioners still desires to express its withdrawal of support for the prior proposed legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA, that the Board of Commissioners hereby withdraws its support of the proposed local legislation referenced in Resolution 2010-22, directs the County Clerk to take no further action to have this local legislation introduced in the General Assembly, and requests that the Georgia General Assembly take no action to pass that proposed local legislation.

It is so resolved this 24th day of March, 2011, by the

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FAYETTE COUNTY, GEORGIA

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Herbert E. Frady, Chairman

Attest:

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Clerk/Deputy Clerk