COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Administration	Presenter(s):	County Administrator
Meeting Date:	Wednesday, January 4, 2012	Type of Request:	Old Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Discussion of recommendations for the selection of two arbitrators/mediators in the event that agreement for the distribution of local option sales tax revenues cannot be reached during the mandatory renegotiations by the Cities and the County in 2012.

Background/History/Details:

Following a discussion by officials at the November meeting of the Association of Fayette County Governments (AFCG), there was a consensus to recommend that the governmental agencies required to renegotiate the distribution of Local Option Sales Tax revenues select an arbitrator/mediator before negotiations begin early in 2012. State law requires that in the event an agreement for the division of funds cannot be reached, then a period for mandatory arbitration begins. The managers (County and City) were asked to seek recommendations for an arbitrator/mediator and they have subsequently reviewed information supplied by the Georgia Municipal Association, Association of County Commissioners, University of Georgia and the Department of Community Affairs for possible candidates. The managers concurred the final list should consist of two individuals both highly regarded in the field of arbitration/ mediation. They are Norman Fletcher, a former Supreme Court Justice for Georgia, and Danny Gallis who formerly served as Attorney for the consolidated governments of Athens/Clarke County. While both are excellent candidates based on the fee schedule submitted, the managers recommend Mr. Gallis.

Leaders of each entity are being asked to consider the recommended candidates. If all entities agree, the AFCG will confirm the recommendations at its meeting in January.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of the recommendation that Mr. Danny Gallis be approved to assist in providing mediation/arbitration services should the agencies fail to reach an agreement on LOST distribution in 2012.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Funding would be required based on total hours of service at a rate of $200 per hour.

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

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

Staff Notes: