COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Administration	Presenter(s):	County Administrator Steve Rapson
Meeting Date:	Thursday, February 14, 2013	Type of Request:	Presentation/Recognition

Wording for the Agenda:

Presentation of two Government Finance Officers Association Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for both Fayette County's and the Fayette County's Water System Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

Background/History/Details:

This is the twentieth consecutive year Fayette County has received this award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). To achieve this recognition, an impartial panel of finance professionals examine the Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFR) and judge their compliance with the high standards set by GFOA. The reports must demonstrate full disclosure which clearly communicates the County's financial story.

GFOA is a prestigious nonprofit professional association serving over 17,600 government professionals throughout North America. It is considered the gatekeeper for monitoring and recommending improvements to government financial reporting and consistently influences changes in reporting standards that "raise the bar" for government entities.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Acknowledgment Fayette County's receipt of this award.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	Yes	If so, when?	Last year
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

STAFF USE ONLY

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

Staff Notes:

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August 15, 2013

Steven A. Rapson, CPA
County Administrator
Fayette County
140 Stonewall Avenue West, Suite 100
Fayetteville GA 30214

Dear Mr. Rapson:

We are pleased to notify you that your comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended **June 30, 2012** qualifies for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The Certificate of Achievement plaque will be shipped to:

Mary Holland
Chief Financial Officer

under separate cover in about eight weeks. We hope that you will arrange for a formal presentation of the Certificate and Award of Financial Reporting Achievement, and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A sample news release is enclosed to assist with this effort. In addition, details of recent recipients of the Certificate of Achievement and other information about Certificate Program results are available in the "Awards Program" area of our website, www.gfoa.org.

We hope that your example will encourage other government officials in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting.

Sincerely,
Government Finance Officers Association

Stephen J. Gauthier

Stephen J. Gauthier, Director

Technical Services Center

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NEWS RELEASE

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Finance Department, Fayette County

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

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presents this

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to

Finance Department

Fayette County, Georgia

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Executive Director

Date August 15, 2013

Government Finance Officers Association

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

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Fayette County

Georgia

For its Comprehensive Annual
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August 20, 2013

Tony Parrott
Water System Director
Fayette County Water System
140 Stonewall Avenue West, Suite 101
Fayetteville GA 30214

Dear Mr. Parrott:

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