New Business #13

COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Charles Oddo / Randy Ognio
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, March 11, 2014	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of the Selection Committee's recommendation to reappoint Mr. Addison Lester to the Fayette County Board of Elections for a term beginning February 1, 2014 and expiring January 31, 2018.

Background/History/Details:

The Fayette County Board of Elections is a body comprised of three members that has jurisdiction over the conduct of primaries and elections conducted within Fayette County, and is responsible for the selection, appointment, and training of poll workers in elections. One member is appointed by the political party which received the highest number of votes within the county for its candidate for Governor in the general election preceding the appointment of the member. The second member is appointed by the political party which received the second-highest number of votes within the county for its candidate for Governor in the general election preceding the appointment of the member. The third member is selected by the county governing authority.

The vacancy to the Board of Elections was advertised for one month and four individuals made application. Commissioners Oddo and Ognio interviewed each applicant and have nominated Mr. Addison Lester to be reappointed to the Board of Elections.

Mr. Lester was appointed to the Fayette County Board of Elections, as the Board of Commissioners representative, on February 24, 2011, and he is currently the Chairman of the Fayette County Board of Elections.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of the Selection Committee's recommendation to reappoint Mr. Addison Lester to the Fayette County Board of Elections for a term beginning February 1, 2014 and expiring January 31, 2018.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

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

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

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

Staff Notes:

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
Fayette County Board of Elections

Thank you for your interest in being considered for appointment to the Fayette County Board of Elections.

Applicants must be a legal resident of the State of Georgia and have been a resident of Fayette County for at least six months prior to the date an application is submitted.

The Board of Elections is comprised of three members appointed to four-year terms. Meetings are scheduled to be held on a monthly basis; typically the fourth Tuesday of each month. Said meetings take place at the Fayette County Administrative Complex, 140 Stonewall Avenue West, Fayetteville, Georgia. Please do not apply if you will be unable to attend a minimum of eighty percent (80%) of all meetings. **Applicants are encouraged to attend as many Board of Elections meetings as possible in an effort to become familiar with the responsibilities of the post.**

Please take a few minutes to complete the form and answer the questions on the reverse side of this form and return it with a resume, if available, to Floyd Jones, County Clerk, 140 Stonewall Avenue, West, Suite 208, Fayetteville, GA 30214 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2014.

If you have any questions, please call (770) 305-5102.

NOTE: Information provided on this form is subject to disclosure as a public record under Georgia Open Records Law.

NAME John Addison Lester III

ADDRESS [redacted]

[redacted]

TELEPHONE (day) [redacted]

(evening) [redacted]

(email address) [redacted]

John Addison Lester III
Signature

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Date

John Addison Lester III

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Education:
AS Business from Middle Georgia College 1974
BS Industrial Management from Georgia Institute of Technology 1976

Employment:
Georgia Power Company/Southern Company Services from 1976-2004

Positions held in Customer Operations at Georgia Power include:
Accounting Supervisor, District Comptroller, and District Customer Service Manager.

Positions held in Human Resources at Georgia Power and Southern Company Services include: Manpower Planning Coordinator, Job Evaluation Coordinator, and Human Resources Manager.

Community Involvement:
Currently serve on the City of Fayetteville's Downtown Development Authority and the County Election Board.

Work annually to support the efforts of the Fayette County Master Gardeners Plant-A-Row for the Hungry efforts.

Active at Fayetteville First Baptist Church where I have previously served as deacon and on various committees.

John Addison Lester III

1. How long have you been a resident of Fayette County?

I have been a resident of Fayette County 58 ½ years.

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Board of Elections?

It is important to ensure that we have safe, efficient and unbiased elections. While conservative in my beliefs, I strive to bring a nonpartisan approach to the activities of the Election Board.

3. What qualifications and experience do you possess that should be considered for appointment to the Board of Elections?

I have served three years on the Election Board with two of the years serving as chairman. I have attended statewide training opportunities available to me while we balanced the availability of funds and the need for other board members to attend.

4. List your recent employment experiences to include name of company and position.

I am retired from Southern Company Services. My last position was as a Human Resources Manager which focused on the delivery of services to employees in the field and the communication of Human Resource products and services to employees and retirees.

5. Do you have any past experience related to this position? If so, please describe.

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6. Are you currently serving on a commission/board/authority or in an elected capacity with any government?

I currently serve on Fayetteville's Downtown Development Authority.

7. Have you attended any Board of Elections meetings in the past two years and, if so, how many?

Yes. I have attended all of the meetings in the last two years.

John Addison Lester III continued

8. Are you willing to attend seminars or continuing education classes at county expense?

Yes.

9. Would there be any possible conflict of interest between your employment or your family and your serving on the Board of Elections?

No.

10. Are you in any way related to a County Elected Official or County employee? If so, please describe.

No.

11. Describe your current community involvement.

I serve on the City of Fayetteville's Downtown Development Authority.
I also support the work of the Fayette County Master Gardeners with their Plant-A-Row for the Hungry efforts.
At Fayetteville First Baptist Church I have served as deacon and on various committees and deliver meals to the homebound on a monthly basis.

12. Have you been given a copy of the county's Ethics Ordinance?

Yes.

13. Is there any reason you would not be able to comply with the Ethics Ordinance?

No.