COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Charles Oddo
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, March 10, 2015	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of the Selection Committee's recommendation to appoint Mrs. Marsha A. Hopkins to the Fayette County Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2017.

Background/History/Details:

The Fayette County Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is a volunteer body comprised of five members who are appointed to three-year terms. The purpose of the ZBA is to hear and decide upon appeals where it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the Zoning Administrator in the enforcement of regulations. The ZBA may, in conformity of the provisions of regulations, reverse or affirm the order, requirement, decision, or determination of the Zoning Administrator. The ZBA may also direct the issuance of a permit and, upon appeal in specific cases, authorize a variance from the terms of regulations as will not be contrary to the public interest.

Mr. Vic Bolton's appointment to the ZBA expired on December 31, 2014. He did not reapply for the position. The County issued public notices for the upcoming vacancy on October 30 and December 5, 2014. Two citizens applied for the position. Commissioners Ognio and Barlow interviewed both applicants.

Mrs. Marsha A. Hopkins has been nominated to fill the vacant position on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of the Selection Committee's recommendation to appoint Mrs. Marsha A. Hopkins to the Fayette County Zoning Board of Appeals for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2015 and expiring December 31, 2017.

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:

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March 5, 2015

Mrs. Marsha A. Hopkins
370 Triple Creek Trail
Fayetteville, GA

Dear Mrs. Hopkins:

Thank you for your interest in being considered for appointment to the Fayette County Zoning Board of Appeals. We appreciate your desire to serve.

We would like to inform you that we are making a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners that you be given the appointment based on your knowledge, personal commitment and passion for this area of need. You are a strong candidate and the right fit for this appointment.

This appointment is contingent on a vote from the Board of Commissioners. The next step is to bring this recommendation before the Board of Commissioners during our next meeting. This will take place on **Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m**. at 140 Stonewall Avenue, West, Fayetteville, Georgia in the Public Meeting Room. This date is changed from our regular Thursday meeting.

We invite you to attend in case the Board would like to ask you questions.

Please notify, Tameca White at 770-305-5103 no later than Friday, March 6, 2015 if you are able to attend.

We certainly enjoyed getting to meet you.

Sincerely,

Randy Ognio, Commissioner

David Barlow, Commissioner

Cc: Board of Commissioners
Pete A. Frisina, Director of Community Services

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
Fayette County Zoning Board of Appeals

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

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 Zoning Board of Appeals is comprised of five members appointed to three-year terms. Meetings are scheduled to be held on a monthly basis. 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 Zoning Board of Appeals 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 100, Fayetteville, GA 30214 no later than 5:00p.m. on Friday, November 28, 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 Marsha A. Hopkins

ADDRESS 370 Triple Creek Trail, Fayetteville, Georgia 30214-2352

TELEPHONE (day) [redacted]

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Marsha A. Hopkins
Signature

1/9/15
Date

Marsha A. Hopkins, JD, MPH
370 Triple Creek Trail
Fayetteville, Georgia 30214-2352
[redacted]

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

   Since February, 2003 (11 years, 10 months)

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

Since moving to Fayette County, I have been impressed with the quality of the county services available to homeowners. I am eager to serve the community in a manner consistent with my background and experience and want to give back through volunteerism at this level.

With the growth and changes in Fayette County, I want to know there is a balance and continuity in the application of the zoning ordinances supportive of business growth and responsive to individual needs of property owners. I believe that my background and experience would allow me to provide a balanced perspective to the challenges and issues presented before the Board.

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

I am interested in the subject matter and believe that my experiences in state government provide me with the framework and foundation for handling issues presented in a local governmental forum. My current work as a Deputy Commissioner and my law degree have afforded me an opportunity to be involved in a variety of challenging situations which require research, innovation and creative problem solving. I believe my education and the breadth of my experiences would be an asset to the Zoning Board of Appeals. My experience with the Administrative Law process and the general procedural mechanisms when appealing before an administrative body will be helpful in dealing with some of the issues that may arise. I also have familiarity in trying to balance interests of competing constituents and believe I listen well and can be effective in trying to resolve issues.

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

Deputy Commissioner for the Georgia Department of Community Health (July 2013-present); Deputy Commissioner for the Georgia Department of Human Services (January, 2011-June, 2013); Assistant to Commissioner/Executive Director Division of Health Planning/Director Regulatory Review for the Georgia Department of Community Health (November, 2007 – January, 2011).

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

   No.

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[redacted]

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

   No.

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

   No.

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 you serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals?

   None known.

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

    No. However, my husband is an alternate for the Ethics Commission. His appointment became effective in February, 2014.

11. Describe your current community involvement.

    I am not currently involved in specific community service. In the past, I have served as an alumni mentor to Georgia State University (GSU) Law Students in the area of health care. I also have participated in the Graduate Student Health Law Association at GSU to provide input to leadership regarding implementing a Health Law Certificate track into the law school curriculum.

12. Have you have 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.

MARSHA A.HOPKINS,J.D., MPH
370 Triple Creek Trail
Fayetteville, Georgia 30214-2352
[redacted]

EDUCATION

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Atlanta, Georgia
J.D., February, 1998
Bar Certified, State of Georgia, June, 1999. Member #365581
Bar Certified, State of New Jersey, December, 2000

Legal experience/Externships

Summer, 1997 – Grady Health System, Department of Legal Affairs – Summer Law Clerk
Spring, 1997-Fulton County Superior Court, Judge Alford Dempsey-Law Extern
Fall, 1996 – Senior Citizen's Law Project/Atlanta Legal Aid – Law Extern
March-April, 1995 -Graduate Research Assistant to Health Law Professor, Charity Scott
May, 1994 – Georgia Department of Medical Assistance-Legal Services-participated for one-week as observer of legal practice and procedures in Administrative Law

EMORY UNIVERSITY, Atlanta, Georgia
M.P.H. in Health Care Administration, 1985
Special Studies Project: Home Health Care in Georgia and relationships between cost, volume and type of ownership of home health agencies.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, Camden, New Jersey
B.A. in Social Work, 1979

CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE, Blackwood, New Jersey
A.S. in Social Work, 1977

OTHER PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL EDUCATION

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY, Philadelphia, PA
Completed one semester of MBA Studies, 1983

EXPERIENCE

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH, OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER, Atlanta, Georgia
Deputy Commissioner, July, 2013 - Present
Responsible for executive oversight of the following Enterprise level programs and functions: Office of Health Information Technology which is a grant-funded program tasked with developing an electronic health record program under the Hi-Tech Act; Health Facilities Regulatory Division which includes licensure of health care facilities, health planning and the Certificate of Need program; Office of Strategic Management which includes Operations, Facility and Support Services and Vendor Management; State Office of Rural Health; Office of Human Resources which services the personnel needs for approximately 900 employees; and Procurement which handles the major procurement of services for the Department, most notably the Georgia Medicaid Program.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER, Atlanta, Georgia
Deputy Commissioner, January, 2011– June, 2013
Responsible for executive oversight of the following Enterprise level programs and functions: Division of Aging Services; Child Support Enforcement Services; Contracts and Procurement; Human Resources; Facilities and Support Services

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH, Atlanta, Georgia
Assistant to Commissioner, May, 2010 - January, 2011
Executive Director, Division of Health Planning, May, 2008-January, 2011
Director, Regulatory Review, November, 2007 – May, 2008

REESE & HOPKINS, LLC, Atlanta, Georgia
Attorney- Owner, Member, May, 2004 – November, 2007
Specialize in health care regulatory and corporate legal services, including multi-state Certificate of Need, federal fraud and abuse advice (Stark and Anti-Kickback), physician and physician group practice representation, hospital representation, selected civil litigation, administrative litigation, health care licensure and Medicaid reimbursement.

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MEADOWS & LEWIS, P.C., Stockbridge, Georgia
Associate Attorney, November, 2003 - May, 2004
Specialize in health care regulatory and corporate legal services, including multi-state Certificate of Need, federal fraud and abuse advice (Stark and Anti-Kickback), physician and physician group practice representation, hospital representation, selected civil litigation, administrative litigation, health care licensure and Medicaid reimbursement.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH, OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL, Atlanta, Georgia
Associate General Counsel, Regulatory Review, April, 2001 -October, 2003
Provide legal oversight of the Certificate of Need (CON) Program, including management of cases under appeal, analyzing and responding to requests for CON exemptions, issuing legal determination letters, responding to telephone and e-mail inquiries: Responsible for the disposition of patient requests for independent review under the Patient's Right to Independent Review Act; Provide direct assistance to the General Counsel in general legal matters for which the Office of General Counsel is responsible; Function as Commissioner's Designee for the review of Medicaid Appeals.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH, DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, Atlanta, Georgia
Legal Services Officer, Legal Services Office, November, 1999 - April, 2001
Represent the Department in administrative hearings concerning the programs and personnel of the Division of Medical Assistance: research and interpret legal issues affecting operation of the organization; prepare legal briefs, opinions and position papers substantiating the Department's positions; negotiate settlements; interpret and apply policy provisions to determine if claim should be denied, paid or settled; draft changes to the Department's rules and regulations and program policies and procedures to comply with legislative changes, departmental policy decisions and court decisions.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH, DIVISION OF HEALTH PLANNING, Atlanta, Georgia
Health Systems Analyst Regulatory Review, June, 1995 - November, 1999
Perform Certificate of Need review and analysis to assist in formulating regulatory decisions related to controlling the growth and development of the health facility system throughout the State.

CONTRACT CONSULTING-Self-Employed
Health Care/Employee Benefits Consultant, April 1990 – September, 1993
Conducted comprehensive health plan analysis for large hospital; assisted in analysis and identification of diversification opportunities for hospital and physician clients; assisted in preparation of response to Requests for Proposals (RFPs).

GEORGIA BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER, Atlanta, Georgia
Administrative Projects Manager, February, 1992 – September, 1992
Performed research and report writing for CEO on various projects under consideration for future implementation including: development of cardiac services proposal to major Atlanta employer; future status of mobile lithotripsy service and pros and cons of implementing a formalized medical ethics committee.

ERNST & YOUNG, Atlanta, Georgia
Senior Consultant, Employee Health and Welfare Benefits, January, 1990 – March, 1990

THE ATLANTA HEALTHCARE ALLIANCE, Atlanta, Georgia
Manager, Program Development, October, 1989 – January, 1990
Director of Research, September, 1987 to October, 1989
Research Associate, September, 1985 – September, 1987

ANCORA PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL, Hammonton, New Jersey
Social Worker/Research Analyst, July, 1979 – July, 1983

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOSPITAL, Camden, New Jersey
Cashier/Bookkeeper, October, 1972 – July, 1979