If the County objects, the objection will be referred to a five-person arbitration panel which shall receive evidence and argument and render a binding decision. The panel may establish conditions or mitigating measures. The decision of the panel is subject to limited appeal to superior court.

Georgia statute also provides the county, city, and property owner shall negotiate in good faith throughout the proceedings and may at any time enter into a written agreement governing the annexation.

OPTIONS: 1. Decline to object

2. Object

3. Object subject to conditions which would satisfy the County's objection

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's pleasure

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>: County Manager <u>DEPARTMENT HEAD</u>: Joseph Pritchard

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: