

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 13, 1993, 3:00PM

The Policy Committee met on January 13, 1993 in Room 564 of the County Courthouse.

Present: Members: Johnnie Evans
Juanita Gonzalez
Lee Warren
Others: Marshall Faircloth
John Keefe
Cliff Strassenburg
Marsha Fogle
Press

AGENDA

1. Election of Chairman of the Policy Committee

Commissioner Warren offered a motion to elect Johnnie Evans, Chairman. The motion was seconded and passed unaimously.

2. Consideration of a County Non-Smoking Policy

Commissioner Gonzalez recommended that J.P. Riddle Stadium be excluded from the Smoking Policy and that perhaps we give a six month grace period for people to get use to the no-smoking ban in county buildings. She also suggested that perhaps we drop the penalty to \$25.00.

Commissioner Evans said he would support some type of policy; however, he had concerns because there are some state and federal offices in some of our buildings. He said he thought we should be realistic about adopting a policy. He suggested that perhaps each agency and/or department establish a smoking policy to be reviewed by the Board.

Commissioner Lee Warren said he could relate to people who have problem with smoking in and around their work areas. He inquired if there was a room in each county building that could be designated a "smoking room." He stated he has a problem requiring people to go outside to smoke especially in inclement weather.

The committee discussed the possibility of providing a well-ventilated room in each county building to be designated for smokers and/or the construction of a shelter outside for smokers. Commissioner Warren said he felt the ideal situation would be to designate a room inside of a building. He also said he thought it may be less expensive to ventilate a room than it would be to construct an area outside of our buildings.

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Commissioner Gonzalez reiterated that the cleanest solution is to designate all county-owned buildings "smoke-free."

Commissioner Warren offered a motion that the County Manager look into the feasibility of a room in each county owned building that could be dedicated as a smoking room with the installation of a ventilation system or exhaust fan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Evans and passed with Commissioner Gonzalez voting in opposition. Mr. Strassenburg will report back to the Policy Committee at the February meeting. (Because there are so many county buildings, the Committee agreed that perhaps the Manager should take a cross section of buildings in the county to see what the feasibility is to designate a smoking room).

The Policy Committee designated the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00PM as their regular meeting date.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:00PM