

COUNTY POLICY COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 21, 1996, 11:00AM

MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Rollin Shaw, Chairman  
Commissioner John C. Keefe  
Commissioner Johnnie Evans

OTHERS:

Cliff Strassenburg, County Manager  
James Martin, Deputy County Manager  
Doug Canders, Staff Attorney  
Debbie Koenig, Attorney for the Sheriff's Department  
Commissioner Marshall Faircloth  
Commissioner J. Lee Warren, Jr.  
Marsha Fogle, Clerk

1. Approval of Minutes: August 15, 1996

MOTION: Commissioner Evans offered a motion to approve.  
SECOND: Commissioner Keefe  
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. Discussion/Consideration of the Proposed Youth Protection Ordinance

Mr. Doug Canders, Staff Attorney, told the Committee that in order to have an Ordinance that is defensible we must put into the Ordinance legitimate reasons for passing the Ordinance. In addition he noted that in the "permitting" section of the Proposed Ordinance, there is no appeal process if the Sheriff should deny the request for a special permit. Mr. Canders also told the committee there are already laws on the book that allow us to address the truancy problem during the day.

Commissioner Shaw said she thought it important to include the City of Fayetteville in our discussions.

Commissioner Evans said he thought there should be a Public Hearing on the issue. He also noted concerns about children being expelled from school; he said there should be Alternative Schools instead of putting them out on the street.

Debbie Koenig reviewed some of the statistical information from the City of Charlotte, who has adopted this Child Protective Ordinance. Ms. Koenig said she believed the Ordinance as adopted by Charlotte was defensible.

MOTION: Commissioner Evans offered a motion that the Committee recommend to the Board of Commissioners that a Public Hearing be held on December 9, 1996, 7:00PM to allow input from the public on this issue and that the Board consider adoption of the First Reading of the Ordinance following the public hearing.  
SECOND: Commissioner Keefe  
DISCUSSION: The Committee also wanted to make sure that the Board of Education, the Fayetteville City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, Fayetteville Area Economic Development and perhaps some merchants were invited to attend and participate in this Public Hearing.  
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MEETING ADJOURNED