

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
JULY 24, 1992, 9:00AM

Members Present: Chairman Ralph Barber
Commissioner Johnnie Evans
Commissioner Juanita Gonzalez
Others Present: Cliff Strassenburg
Robert Bartelt
Larry Carter
Charles Whittenton
Marsha Fogle

Chairman Barber called the Policy Committee to order.

1. Solid Waste Ordinance: Civil Penalty Schedule

Commissioner Evans expressed concern that landowners could be charged the \$500 penalty when they have no knowledge of who or how waste was deposited on their properties.

Larry Carter, Director, Solid Waste Management, explained that his department makes every effort to determine who actually illegally dumped trash and those people are fined. However, when it is impossible to find the person actually responsible for dumping the garbage illegally, the County works with the landowner in getting the property cleaned up. He said rarely do the landowners not cooperate with the county in cleaning up their properties.

Following some discussion the following motion was offered:

MOTION: Commissioner Gonzalez offered a motion that the Policy Committee recommend adoption of the Solid Waste Ordinance Civil Penalty Schedule as recommended by the Solid Waste Department.
SECOND: Commissioner Evans
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Chairman Barber stated the only way to alleviate illegal dumping in the county is county-wide pickup of garbage. He suggested a committee be formed to include representatives from the Solid Waste Department, Legal Department, Administration and 2 county commissioners to study alternatives for county solid waste collection.

MOTION: Commissioner Gonzalez offered a motion to adopt Mr. Barber's suggestion and make this recommendation to the full Board of Commissioners.
SECOND: Commissioner Evans
VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MEETING ADJOURNED

NON-SMOKING POLICY

TO: Policy Committee

FROM: John Keefe

On 21 December 1992, the Board of County Commissioners referred to the Policy Committee the subject of "no smoking in Cumberland County owned buildings, leased buildings and vehicles.

Suggest you make the following findings:

The Policy Committee resolves that "smoking" in addition to being unhealthy, is also costly when costs are to be paid by health providers. This being the consensus of the Committee, it was agreed that a non-smoking policy should be mandated. However, it has been determined that a phased-in smoking policy with 90 day notification to all concerned should be implemented. Outside areas are to be exempted from the smoking ban at this time.

A fact the Committee needs to consider is that the County could be subjected to lawsuits from non-smokers, who by reason of their job are forced to work in the same areas as smokers.

Suggest the Committee authorize the County Manager to proceed with necessary administrative actions to implement this policy, subject to approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Comments received from commissioners regarding the no-smoking policy are as follows:

Keefe: Approve policy - agreeable to modifications
Faircloth: No comment
King: Approve policy - agreeable to modifications
Evans: Will not approve without modifications
Warren: Should approve, concerned about J.P. Riddle Stadium
Bacote:
Gonzalez: