



Lawrence County
WORKPLACE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, March 16, 2026 | **Time:** 5:00-5:14 p.m.

(The Committee Reconvened from February 23, 2026)

PRESENT: Commissioners: Rick Skillington, Chris Sutherland, Delano Benefield, Steve Hagan, and Dave Ray. **County Attorney** Ryan Durham, and **Senior Center Director** Stephanie Sinclair

Commissioner Skillington called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: *Chairman* Rick Skillington, Chris Sutherland, Delano Benefield, and Steve Hagan

ABSENT: *Vice-Chair* Tammy Wisdom

- **Commissioner Skillington** called the reconvened meeting to order.
- The proposed policy was distributed—*included in the agenda packet*.
- **Durham** explained that the policy allows limited exceptions; supervisors are to enforce and are subject to discipline if they do not.
- **Sinclair** added that two cats have been at the Senior Center for four years. Cats are very helpful to the seniors, who would be very upset if they were no longer there. Center employees are not county employees, but it is a county building.
- **Durham** says the policy would not automatically ban animals from buildings.
- **Commissioner Skillington** asked about those who are allergic and concerns about lawsuits. Sinclair stated that the positives outweigh the negatives, and the Senior Center has separate insurance.
- **Durham** clarified that he is also chair of the Senior Citizens Corporation. Federal grant that built the facility specifies it is to be used as a senior center until the senior center decides to vacate it.

Motion to approve the resolution and pass along to Human Resources Committee.

Motion: Hagan. **Second:** Sutherland.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4/0.

Adjournment.

Motion: Benefield. **Second:** Sutherland.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 4/0

Minutes Submitted By: Nancy Brewer

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