

WALK - ON

Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary

Blue Sheet No. 2006 1634

1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE: Establish policy for providing office space for Legislators and Not-for-profit agencies with in County government facilities.

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Provides direction when providing space to Legislators/Not-for-profits.

3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION: Approve Legislator/Not-for-profit office policy and when applicable, charge market rate for available space.

4. Departmental Category: WO # 1		5. Meeting Date: December 5, 2006
6. Agenda: <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative <input type="checkbox"/> Appeals <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walk-On	7. Requirement/Purpose: (specify)	
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		8. Request Initiated: Commissioner _____ Department _____ County Manager Division _____ By: Donald Stilwell

Background: Historically, the County had the ability to provide Legislators with office space at no charge as space has been available. As the County grew and as Article V mandated that we provide all Court related programs with required space, the County has had to purchase and build several buildings to provide all of the office space required. The County is currently leasing office space to supply all that it is mandated to provide. The County no longer has the luxury of being able to offer free office space to Legislators or Non-profits with out displacing other County needs and adding cost to our tax payers.

Currently, the County provides space at no cost to several Legislators and one Not-for-profit agency. Two Federal Legislators lease space in the Justice Center Annex Building however Federal law mandates that they pay market rate. It had been previously discussed that due to the need for increased County mediation space, the office previously used by Rep. Kyle would be converted for that need. There has been a request by an incoming State Representative for complimentary office space. While the County sees the advantage of having its Legislators in close proximity and would very much like to provide office space, we are displacing other County needs or being forced to lease space in the process. Unfortunately, we have provided an unfair system where by some Legislators have received requested office space and we have run out of space for others.

It is recommended that if the County is to provide any available office space to Legislators or Not-for-profit agencies, that we charge the market rate for such space.

10. Review for Scheduling:

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services				County Manager/P.W. Director
					Analyst	Risk	Grants	Mgr.	
				<i>Andrea Traver</i>	<i>AS 12/4/06</i>	<i>MP 12/4/06</i>	<i>AS 12/4/06</i>	<i>MP 12/4/06</i>	<i>AS 12/11/06</i>

11. Commission Action:

- Approved
- Deferred
- Denied
- Other

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