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OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES
WINTER MEETING
January 25, 1979

The Winter Meeting of the Okaloosa County League of Cities was called to order January 25, 1979 at 7:30 PM. Invocation was given by Commissioner Strong of Valparaiso.

First on the Agenda was a report given by Mr. Smith of Crestview on that City's Resolution to the Florida Public Service Commission concerning Docket No. 781019-TP (ES) on county-wide toll-free dialing requested to the Centel Telephone Company. Motion made by Crestview and seconded by Shalimar to send a Resolution from the League of Cities to the FPSC supporting Docket No. 781019-TP (ES). Motion carried. Mr. Smith was appointed to draft the Resolution.

The report of the Double Taxation Committee was given by Chairman Charles Rigdon of Ft. Walton Beach. Mr. Rigdon discussed a Resolution the Committee has drafted identifying areas of double taxation. The Resolution is to be sent to the Okaloosa County Commission and asked that they address themselves to this issue. He reported the City of Ft. Walton Beach already passed the Resolution and asked that each city in the League pass the same Resolution on behalf of their individual cities. He requests that they do so as soon as possible, preferably within the next two week period. At the time all the Resolutions are passed then they will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners by the Double Taxation Committee and meetings will be set by the Board of County Commissioners and Double Taxation Committee to discuss and resolve the issues.

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Randall Wise, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported on the election of the 1979 officers and recommended the following slate of Officers:

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| President | F. L. Pryor, Mary Esther |
| Vice-President | Thomas Werner, Niceville |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Kathleen Bowman, Shalimar |

Motion made by Cinco Bayou and seconded by Crestview that the slate be accepted and those nominated be elected to serve their respective terms. Motion carried.

The Spring Meeting of the Okaloosa County League of Cities has been scheduled for April 26, 1979 and Crestview has agreed to serve as Host City.

The program for the evening was an informal round-table discussion on several issues of interest before the members.

1. Signs-- Mr. Hunt of Ft. Walton Beach reported the City of Ft. Walton Beach was interested in developing a uniform sign ordinance for at least the south County and if feasible and possible, the entire County. General discussion followed and the President appointed Mr. Hunt as Chairman of a fact finding committee to compile facts about possible county-wide sign ordinances. He is to choose members of the committee on a county-wide basis and report findings at the next meeting.
2. Mr. Brentwood Bryan of the firm Creel, Bryan and Gallagher, Certified Public Accountants, who serves as auditor for the Town of Mary Esther, spoke on the newly instituted Uniform Accounting System which is now required to be followed by all municipalities in the State of Florida.

The main problem with the system is it makes no distinction between smaller

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towns such as in our area and major cities whose accounting problems would bear no resemblance to those of a smaller town. A general discussion on the subject followed. Motion made by Ft. Walton Beach and seconded by Shalimar to draft a resolution to be sent to our Legislative Delegation. The Delegator will hold Legislative hearings at the Shalimar Annex on February 14. The Resolution will ask that the Legislature remove the requirement that all cities follow the Uniform System of Accounting from the current law. Motion carried and Mayor Tom Pryor of Mary Esther was appointed to draft the Resolution.

Mr. Smith of Crestview ask the League to respond to the upcoming Legislative action concerning the cities procedure of annexation. A discussion on the issue followed. No action was taken.

Mr. Bishop of Ft. Walton Beach raised a question about the plan to issue a separate telephone directory for Ft. Walton and Crestview areas. General discussion on this issue raised questions on the rights of the telephone company to take such action without appropriate public hearings. The extra expense commercial interests must go to advertise in the separate listings and maintain listings in separate directories was also pointed out. Motion made by Ft. Walton and seconded by Shalimar to have an injunction filed to stop issuing separate directories in Okaloosa County. Motion carried. Ft. Walton delegation was appointed to the committee to prepare and file the appropriate injunction. Ft. Walton delegation volunteered to have the proper legal work done at no expense to the League.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

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