

OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 1993
12:00 NOON

MINUTES

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING was called to order by President Bill Lamb at 12:04 p.m. on the above date at Mother Earth's Restaurant.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

President Bill Lamb
Vice President Nick Nicholson
Bob Lloyd, Secretary/Treasurer
Dick Gage, Cinco Bayou
Reid Gilland, Valparaiso
Al Swihart, Niceville
Harry Montague, Shalimar
Samuel Fields, Valparaiso

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ted Mathis, Crestview
Laurel Hill

ALSO PRESENT:

Hayward Strong, Valparaiso

President Lamb reminded the Board of Legislative Action Day in Tallahassee on February 24, 1993 and also March 25, 1993 the Okaloosa County League of Cities quarterly dinner in Crestview.

The discussion at this meeting was on the By-Laws and what changes the Board felt needed to be made.

Dick Gage suggested the following changes:

Change Section 2 to Section 3 and Section 3 to Section 4 and make a new Section 2 dealing with associate membership. New wording for new Section 2 "Associate memberships may be accepted by the Board of Directors upon application, payment of dues as set by Board of Directors. Associate members must be a governmental entity, i.e. County Commissioners, School Board members, Independent Districts (example, Fire Districts), Regional Public Agencies (example, North West Florida Water Management), or non-profit organizations with governmental interest (example, Economic Development Council). Associate members will be notified of and may attend all meetings of the League but may not vote.

Reid Gilland stated that he did not see a need to allow associate members in the League.

Al Swihart stated that he did not believe that any commercial businesses should be allowed to join as associate members. The League does not need the money, he said.

Harry Montague did not have a problem with non-profit organizations with governmental interests joining the League, but he did not see a need to allow commercial organizations to join.

Bob Lloyd noted he agreed with Reid, Al and Harry but had nothing new to add.

Nick Nicholson said he too agreed but had nothing new to add.

Harry Montague moved that the By-Laws be amended to read, "Associate membership be limited to governmental entities, independent special districts, regional public agencies and non-profit organization with governmental interests. Associate members will be notified of all meetings and may attend but may not vote." Second, Nick Nicholson.

MOTION DID NOT PASS. Ayes, Nicholson and Montague. Nays, Lamb, Swihart, Lloyd, Gilland and Gage.

President Lamb noted that Article 6 Section 1 required that the League have a President, Vice President, Secretary and a Treasurer. Lamb recommended that the By-Laws be amended to read that the League have a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer.

Al Swihart motioned that the above recommendation be approved, second by Dick Gage.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY by members present.

President Lamb noted that Article 8 Section 2 required the Treasurer to obtain a second signature on all checks over \$25.00. President Lamb recommended that this be changed to read, "all checks, drafts and other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the League shall be signed by the Secretary/Treasurer or the President or the Vice President of the League. All checks or other orders for payment of money, notes or otherwise indebtedness more than \$200.00 issued in the name of the League shall be signed by the Secretary/Treasurer and either the President or the Vice President.

Bob Lloyd motioned, second by Nick Nicholson, that the above recommendation be approved.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY by the members present.

Al Swihart noted that Section 3 Article 8 needed to be changed. It reads "All funds of the League shall be deposited from time to time" and I motion that it read "All funds of the League shall be deposited....". Second by Nick Nicholson.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY by the members present.

Dick Gage noted Article 5 Section 1 read "Regular meetings of the members shall be held during each quarter of each calendar year beginning with year 1967. The exact date, time and place thereof shall be determined by the membership at the preceding meeting." He recommended that it read "The exact date, time and place thereof shall be determined by the Host City."

Al Swihart motioned that the above recommendation be approved. Second by Nick Nicholson.

Al Swihart moved to accept the By-Laws as amended, second by Harry Montague.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY by those members present.

Nick Nicholson thanked the League for the flowers he received while in the hospital.

President Lamb noted he may not be at the March 25th dinner. If he could not attend Vice President Nick Nicholson would be in charge of the meeting and Lamb noted that past president Al Swihart would help him in any way he could.

President Lamb also said the Panhandle League of Cities quarterly dinner would be held on May 21, 1993 in Panama City.

Reid Gilland introduced Mr. Hayward Strong.

Hayward Strong stated that the City of Valparaiso had a bad Census count. The City was successful in showing that an error had been made and the Census count will be changed by Legislative action.

The revenue funds distributed to Okaloosa County were disbursed erroneously. Each municipality along with the County received funds that belonged to Valparaiso. Because of the wrong Census count Valparaiso did not receive their fair share of the revenue funds. Each municipality in Okaloosa County received more than they were due and these funds belonged to Valparaiso, Strong stated. Mr. Strong presented a memo to each Board Member showing the amount paid in error to each municipality (copy attached to these minutes). Mr. Strong was asking the Board to go back to their Council's and request these funds (totaling

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\$54,000.00) erroneously paid to their respective municipality be refunded to Valparaiso. These funds would be deducted from next years allocations from the State, Strong noted.

Mr. Nicholson asked if the figure noted by each municipality was the amount each received? Was there any administrative cost involved? Did FWB, for example, receive this much money over and above the amount we receive normally, Nicholson asked?

We do not know if there were administrative costs, Strong stated, but we will find out and send each governmental entity a letter letting you know once we find out the answer. Strong stated the letter would also request that the municipalities write a letter stating that they would be willing to refund Valparaiso the money they received in error due to the Census count.

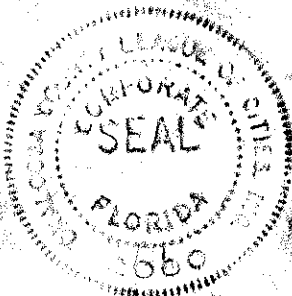
Al Swihart motioned, second Harry Montague, to adjourn.

MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURN: 1:05 p.m.



President Bill Lamb



If the Bill becomes law, then the amount of \$54,000 represents less than 1% of the Okaloosa County's sales tax estimated funds for FY 1993-94. We have calculated the effect on each entity using the distribution factor in the July 1992 Local Government Financial Information Handbook. The following amounts are approximate:

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| Cinco Bayou | \$ 140 |
| Crestview | 3580 |
| Destin | 2900 |
| Ft Walton Beach | 7220 |
| Laurel Hill | 194 |
| Mary Esther | 1496 |
| Niceville | 3726 |
| Shalimar | 130 |
| Okaloosa County | 36137 |