

OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MAY 19, 1994

INTRODUCTION

A meeting of the Okaloosa County League of Cities Board of Directors was called to order on Thursday, May 19, 1994, at 12:00 noon, at Incredible Edibles, with the following present:

PRESENT

President, Nick Nicholson  
Vice-President, Reid Gilland  
Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Bush, Crestview  
Mayor Harry Montague, Shalimar  
Mayor Randy Stokes, Mary Esther  
Councilman Al Swihart, Niceville  
Councilman Bill Bradley, Destin  
Councilman Dick Gage, Cinco Bayou

ABSENT

City Clerk, Shirley Simmons, Laurel Hill

ALSO PRESENT:

Helen Spencer, City Clerk, Fort Walton Beach, recorder

MINUTES:

Minutes of 4-21-94 Board of Directors meeting were approved as presented.

TREASURER REPORT:

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$952.15. Also announced the checking account had been officially changed over to the new Treasurer.

RESOLUTION 94-4:

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, OKALOOSA COUNTY, OPPOSING THE CLOSING OF DESTIN HOSPITAL BY COLUMBIA HOSPITAL CORPORATION AND REQUEST THE CONTINUATION OF 24-HOUR EMERGENCY ROOM SERVICE ON A PERMANENT BASIS; REQUESTING AND ENCOURAGING THE CITY OF DESTIN AND COLUMBIA HOSPITAL CORPORATION TO DO ANY AND ALL THINGS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE DESTIN HOSPITAL; AND IF COLUMBIA HOSPITAL CORPORATION CLOSES THE HOSPITAL, SUPPORTING THE DESTIN CITY COUNCIL REQUEST FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING ANOTHER CORPORATION TO PURCHASE THE HOSPITAL; AND PROVIDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Mr. Bradley moved to approve Resolution 94.4. Motion was seconded by Mr. Swihart.**

Mr. Bradley gave a synopsis on what happened leading up to the closure of the hospital. The resolution was discussed at length and was the consensus of the Cities present to assist in any way they could to help Destin.

Mr. Bradley amended the resolution to include:

The Okaloosa County League of Cities requests and encourages the City of Destin and Columbia Hospital Corporation to do any and all things necessary and proper to support the continues operation of the Destin Hospital.

**The amendment was accepted by the seconder. Resolution 94-4, as amended, and carried by a vote of 8 to 0, with Nicholson, Gilland, Bush, Montague, Stokes, Bradley, Swihart and Gage in favor.**

UPCOMING EVENTS: The President announced the summer dinner meeting of the Panhandle League of Cities was June 3, 1994 to be held at the Harbour House in Panama City. Also Political Pandemonium will be held on June 3 at Fort Walton Landing which he felt most of the Cities would be participating. Further that he felt there would be enough representation from the Cities for both events.

QUARTERLY MTG: The President announced the City of Niceville would host the June 1994 quarterly dinner meeting of OCLOC. The event would be held on June 23, 1994 at Niceville City Hall.

FEMA MUTUAL AID: The President announced the draft FEMA mutual aid agreement has not been received to date. Upon receipt it will be passed on to member cities for their approval.

AWARD: Al Swihart announced the E. Harris Drew Award applications have not been received to date from the FLOC. Upon receipt Mayor Randall Wise's name will be submitted. The award is to be presented at the FLOC conference in August.

MEMBER CITIES: CINCO BAYOU.....no report.  
CRESTVIEW.....discussed legislation the League was lobbying on in Tallahassee, in particular the Enclave bill.  
SHALIMAR.....announced they are in the process of recounting for the census. Further that April is the cutoff date and it involves a very simple procedure. This is being accomplished because of revenue sharing.  
DESTIN.....announced their new City Hall will be dedicated sometime in November and everyone would receive an invitation.  
NICEVILLE.....announced they are working on a children's recreation park to be funded by donations and proceeds received from the Bridge walk last summer. Also the sign ordinance is on their Council agenda.  
VALPARAISO.....announced their Council is concerned with the bypass road and its impact on their City.  
MARY ESTHER.....announced they are in the midst of a federal employment discrimination case.  
FORT WALTON BEACH.....announced the Vision process is going on now and hopes of a plan for the future. Further Bowlegs Festival is coming the first week in June and invited everyone to attend the activities.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

