

MINUTES
OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES
QUARTERLY DINNER MEETING
CRESTVIEW, FLORIDA
JUNE 29, 1995

CALL TO ORDER:

President Harry Montague called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Party Room in Crestview.

INVOCATION:

Wesley Spivey, Pastor, First United Methodist Church of Crestview gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by President Montague.

WELCOME:

Mayor George Whitehurst welcomed everyone to the function. He said he looked forward to working with all the elected officials in our growing County and cities.

DINNER and GUEST SPEAKER:

Following dinner, Secretary Brenda Bush introduced Don Gaetz, vice chairman of Okaloosa County School Board, as the guest speaker. Mr. Gaetz thanked the members for the unprecedented event of the tax approved by the cooperation of all cities for the capital projects for schools in the County. This will include 35 construction projects in ten communities with an \$8 million budget in 48 months.

He also said that the \$20 million daily cash flow of the school system will be put in local banks rather than the Florida School Board pool. He looks forward to cooperating with cities and their comprehensive plans, land development impact on traffic and other concurrencies. He suggested a cooperative plan for joint facilities use for recreation and to possibly consider buying services from the cities. His issue was to unite us all - to talk and work together. The schools could train municipal employees.

Mr. Gaetz answered several questions from the audience. President Montague thanked Mr. Gaetz for his helpful presentation. The League president then introduced officials from each city to announce their attendance.

BUSINESS:

Mayor Whitehurst presented a Resolution, and requested support from the League and each city to help Crestview retain the Florida Highway Patrol dispatch center in Crestview.

He said the need was too great to have this transferred to Pensacola. This has serviced the Walton and Okaloosa Patrols. Mayor Randall Wise of Niceville moved to adopt the resolution. Council Woman Cissy Wypinger seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Montague adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.



Harry V. Montague, President

ATTEST:

Brenda Bush, Secretary

