

OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 26, 1995

**INTRODUCTION:** A meeting of the Okaloosa County League of Cities Executive Committee was called to order on Thursday, October 26, 1995 at 12:00 noon, at The Upper Crust Restaurant, with the following present:

**PRESENT:** Mayor Harry Montague, Shalimar, President  
Councilman Dean Covey, FWB  
Councilman Al Swihart, Niceville  
Mayor Randy Stokes, Mary Esther  
Commissioner Hayward Strong, Valparaiso

**ABSENT** Eugene Broxson, Cinco Bayou  
Councilwoman Brenda Bush, Crestview, Secretary/Treasurer  
Councilman Bill Bradley, Destin  
Councilwoman Ora Lee Clary, Laurel Hill

**ALSO PRESENT:** Helen Spencer, Recorder; Nick Nicholson, County Commissioner

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**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by the President Harry Montague.

**MINUTES** Motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Quarterly regular meeting of 9-28-95, as corrected, and the Executive Committee meeting of 8-24-95.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** In the absence of the Treasurer, Mrs. Spencer reported there is a balance of \$1,198.64 as of 10-26-95.

**DOUBLE TAXATION ISSUE** Discussion was held on the double taxation issue on the Road Patrol service by the Sheriff's Department, and negotiating with the County to see if there is a way to resolve the issue of the cities paying ad valorem tax for a service they do not receive.

It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously to authorize Hayward Strong to negotiate with the County on the issue of Road Patrol double taxation against the cities.

**EMERGENCY EVACUATION** Discussion ensued on the emergency evacuation as a result of Hurricane Opal on October 4th, and the problems encountered during the evacuation. It was suggested the President send a letter to the Mayor & Council of each city requesting input or recommendations on the past disaster evacuation. Members will then return to the next meeting with specific information that can be put together and consolidated in a letter from the League to be sent to the County, the State, the FLOC, and the PLOC.

I-65 CONNECTOR

It was moved, seconded and and carried unanimously that the I-65 Connection Resolution of support be tabled.

MEMBER CITIES:

CINCO BAYOU.....No report.

CRESTVIEW.....(recommended by Mrs. Bush, who was absent from this meeting), consider Mrs. Spencer as the permanent recorder of the Executive Committee. It was determined the President-elect would provide secretarial service for 1996.

DESTIN.....No report.

FORT WALTON BEACH.....Mentioned the clean up of yard debris as a result of Hurricane Opal, the feasibility study being done on renovation of the Gulfview Hotel; and the City of Fort Walton Beach will host the winter dinner meeting on December 21st at the Hurlburt Officers Club.

LAUREL HILL.....No report.

MARY ESTHER.....Mayor Stokes addressed Hurricanes Erin and Opal; their new Beautification Committee addressing the transportation issue; their revised sign ordinance; and the formal swearing-in of the new Safety Officer.

NICEVILLE.....mentioned their traffic problems since the storm.

SHALIMAR.....Mentioned the debris pickup and their success in turning everything into mulch at a very low cost.

VALPARAISO.....Mentioned the damage received as a result of Hurricane Opal; the status of the debris pickup; their EOC operated very well with the County; and Valparaiso opted out of the Florida Retirement System and are preparing the paperwork.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

