

OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 25, 1996

INTRODUCTION: A meeting of the Okaloosa County League of Cities Board of Directors was called to order on Thursday, January 25, 1996, at noon, at the Upper Crust Restaurant, with the following in attendance:

PRESENT: Commissioner Heyward H. Strong, Jr., Valparaiso, President
Councilwoman Brenda Bush, Crestview, Vice-President
Mayor Randy Stokes, Mary Esther, Secretary/Treasurer
Councilman Jim Kendrick, Cinco Bayou
Councilman Bill Bradley, Destin
Councilman Perry Cadenhead, Laurel Hill
Councilman Al Swihart, Niceville
Councilman Dean Covey, Fort Walton Beach
Mayor Harry Montague, Shalimar

ALSO PRESENT: Helen Bourgeois, Recorder; Town Manager Elvin C. Bell, Cinco Bayou

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the President, Heyward H. Strong.

MINUTES: Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of 11-30-95 and the Quarterly Dinner Meeting of 12-12-95.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,198.64, as of 12-31-95.

DOUBLE TAXATION ISSUE: Discussion was held on the double taxation issue, with Commissioner Strong reporting that he was continuing to work with County Commissioner Nick Nicholson on the issue.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION: Draft letter, supplied by Mayor Montague, will be reviewed by all representatives prior to February 8th, and if there are no objections, it will be mailed.

I-65 CONNECTOR: Councilman Bill Bradley will have resolution ready by the next meeting.

RECOGNITION: Councilman Swihart to purchase plaque commending Helen Spencer for her past service to the Board of Directors.

REPORTS FROM CITIES: Cinco Bayou - Introduced Town Manager, mentioned problem of speeding water craft

Crestview - Mentioned continued growth, the new Post Office, the Institute for Elected Officials, and need for new LOC officers to sign Oaths of Office

Destin - Mentioned continued recovery from "Opal", continued growth and resulting controversy, and Councilman Bradley running for Mayor

Fort Walton Beach - Mentioned new pay plan and employee benefits, CRA Plan update, study with Judicial Center, Annexation study. (Everyone expressed interest in copy of pay plan and benefits.)

Laurel Hill - Mentioned recovery from "Opal", low employee pay scale, new satellite medical clinic, commended new City Clerk

Mary Esther - Mentioned continued new development, search for new City Clerk, review of pay scale and benefits, question of Safety Dept. to be on referendum, Mayor Stokes will not be running for re-election, necessitating a new Secretary-Treasurer appointment.

Niceville - Mentioned continued growth, and negotiations with County to acquire water and sewer service west of Rocky Bayou Bridge.

Shalimar - Mentioned \$50K grant received and \$450K grant applied for, and efforts to establish Library

Valparaiso - Mentioned grant received to update Comprehensive Plan, and recent election resulted in two new Commissioners

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

