

OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 22, 1996

INTRODUCTION: A meeting of the Okaloosa County League of Cities Executive Committee was called to order on Thursday, February 22, 1996, at noon, at the Upper Crust Restaurant, with the following in attendance:

PRESENT: Commissioner Heyward H. Strong, Jr., Valparaiso, President
Mayor Randy Stokes, Mary Esther, Secretary/Treasurer
Councilman Perry Cadenhead, Laurel Hill
Councilman Al Swihart, Niceville
Councilman Dean Covey, Fort Walton Beach
Mayor Harry Montague, Shalimar

ABSENT: Councilwoman Brenda Bush, Crestview, Vice-President
Councilman Jim Kendrick, Cinco Bayou
Councilman Bill Bradley, Destin

ALSO PRESENT: Della Rhodes, Recorder; County Commissioner Ray Samson, Okaloosa County

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 Executive Committee Meeting of 01-25-96.

TREASURER'S REPORT: OMITTED - Treasurer not in attendance

DOUBLE TAXATION ISSUE: Discussion was held on the double taxation issue, with Commissioner Strong reporting that a copy of the old double taxation suit was given to each member. Commissioner Strong also advised the Committee of a meeting with Nick Graham, (Sheriff Larry Gilbert was also present) to discuss the FY95 Budget and its detailed breakout.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION: Letters were mailed 02-22-96.

I-65 CONNECTOR: Omitted - Councilman Bill Bradley not in attendance.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW SECRETARY/TREASURER: Commissioner Strong reported that Dean Covey had agreed to accept the position of secretary/treasurer. He will be installed at the next dinner meeting.

REPORTS FROM MEMBER CITIES: Ray Samson reported on the one-time sales tax loss bill. A resolution passed by each city would probably be too late to help. Mr. Samson was asked to provide the house bill number, and we would ask each city to support this bill.

RECOGNITION: Councilman Al Swihart suggested a pen/pencil desk

set be presented to Helen Spencer at the quarterly dinner meeting to be held in Crestview.

REPORT FROM CITIES:

Cinco Bayou - Not in attendance

Crestview - Not in attendance

Destin - Not in attendance

Fort Walton Beach - Pay plans were given to each city; the city is in the process of purchasing a "boom truck". With this purchase the city would not have to contract out the picking up of storm debris. CRA Meeting was also mentioned.

Laurel Hill - Mentioned the continued growth; the residents will be voting on a police officer.

Mary Esther - Mentioned the approval of the Hampton Inn; looking for a replacement for the City Clerk; referendum to maintain their Safety Department.

Niceville - Mentioned the dedication of the children's playground in mid March. Everyone is invited to take part.

Shalimar - Mentioned their new data base. Has someone in-house who has the capabilities of helping any of the other cities with their data bases.

Valparaiso - Mentioned they are searching for a new Administrator. Have narrowed applicants from 63 down to 2. Money has been the key issue for this position. Also, the acting Administrator has submitted his resignation.

Commissioner Strong thanked County Commissioner Ray Samson for his presence at the meeting and informed him that a vote had been passed that the County Commission should be a part of the Okaloosa League of Cities' monthly meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Heyward H. Strong, Jr.
Mayor

Attest:

Randy Stokes
Secretary

