

OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
April 25, 1996

(Draft)

INTRODUCTION: A meeting of the Okaloosa County League of Cities Executive Board was called to order on Thursday, April 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
Councilman Dean Covey, Ft. Walton Beach, Secretary/Treasurer
Councilwoman Sylvia Slivko, Destin
Councilman Perry Cadenhead, Laurel Hill
Mayor Libby Arcemont, Mary Esther
Councilman Al Swihart, Niceville
Mayor Harry Montague, Shalimar

ABSENT: Councilman Jim Kendrick, Cinco Bayou

ALSO PRESENT: Helen Bourgeois, Recorder; Helen Spencer & Granddaughter
Melissa, Special Guests

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

MINUTES: Motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of 02-22-95 and the Quarterly Dinner Meeting of 03-28-96.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Councilwoman Bush reported a balance of \$1,629.64, as of 03-31-96. Councilwoman Bush and Councilman Covey will meet to sign new signature cards.

DOUBLE TAXATION ISSUE: Commissioner Strong said he is still working on a report, to be ready for the next meeting.

**LOC CONVENTION
BREAKFAST MEETING:** Discussion of whether or not to host an Okaloosa County LOC breakfast meeting at the LOC Convention in August. Consensus was to join with the Panhandle LOC, rather than to host a separate event.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION: Copies distributed of responses received from letters sent concerning hurricane emergency evacuation.

**INSTITUTE FOR
ELECTED OFFICIALS:** Information distributed concerning The Advanced

Institute for Elected Officials. All agreed it was a very beneficial experience.

**CONTRACTOR'S
COMPETENCY BOARD:**

Discussion concerning the County's proposal that municipalities join with the County to form a Contractor's Competency Board. Results showed that municipalities look to County for competency exam requirements, etc., but do not wish to relinquish contractor registrations and tracking fees. County Commissioner Nicholson asked that municipalities respond, negative or otherwise.

HONORARY MEMBERS:

Discussion concerning whether or not the League would like to recognize honorary members and include them in quarterly dinner meetings, as was done some years ago. Motion passed to do away with honorary member status, but host city and other cities could invite whomever they please and pay their expenses.

MPO - STREET REPAIRS:

Discussion of advance notification to businesses and property owners, of planned street repairs, such as that taking place at the intersection of Racetrack and Beal. It was generally decided that this was a MPO problem, but Mayor Arcemont said Mary Esther was sending a letter to the DOT.

RECOGNITION:

Councilwoman Bush presented a desk set to Helen Spencer, in appreciation for her excellent assistance and dedicated service as recorder for the Okaloosa County League of Cities.

**POLICE AND FIREFIGHTER
RETIREMENT PLANS:**

Commissioner Strong reported on his lobbying efforts to kill legislation which would greatly increase the cost of retirement plans for police officers and firefighters. He will prepare correspondence to Senator Childers, with copies for all municipalities, so the effort can be duplicated.

REPORTS FROM CITIES:

Crestview - Letter has been sent to all municipalities, regarding proposed interlocal agreement addressing the annexation of enclaves. Discussion followed, concerning new legislation and annexation procedures.

Destin - No report.

Fort Walton Beach - Mentioned CRA meeting, rerouting of SR 98 around downtown, and negotiation of contract with firefighters.

Laurel Hill - Mentioned that new industry will soon occupy their industrial park.

Mary Esther - No report.

Niceville - Mentioned opening of new childrens' park.

Shalimar - Mentioned meeting scheduled with County regarding enclaves, requested assistance and advice in establishing a library.

Valparaiso - Mentioned planned July 4th activities in Lincoln Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Heyward H. Strong, Jr.
President

ATTEST:

Dean Covey
Secretary

