

OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
July 18, 1996  
(draft)

**INTRODUCTION:** A meeting of the Okaloosa County League of Cities Executive Board was called to order on Thursday, July 18, 1996, at 12:05 PM, at the Upper Crust Restaurant, with the following in attendance:

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Heyward H. Strong, Jr., Valparaiso, President  
Councilwoman Brenda Bush, Crestview, Vice-President  
Councilwoman Carolyn Leach, Cinco Bayou  
Councilwoman Sharon Slivko, Destin  
City Clerk Jean Wilkerson, Shalimar

**ABSENT:** Councilman Dean Covey, Ft. Walton Beach  
Councilman Perry Cadenhead, Laurel Hill  
Mayor Libby Arcemont, Mary Esther  
Councilman Al Swihart, Niceville

**ALSO PRESENT:** Helen Bourgeois, Recorder  
Nick Nicholson, Board of County Commissioners

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**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 Executive Board Meetings of 05-23-96, 06-11-96 and 06-27-96.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** As the Secretary/Treasurer was not in attendance, there was no Treasurer's Report.

**DOUBLE TAXATION ISSUE:** Commissioner Strong encouraged representatives from each municipality to attend the July 23rd meeting of the County Commission, at which time the double taxation issue would be discussed.

**CINCO BAYOU'S REPRESENTATIVE:** In the absence of Councilman Jim Kendrick, Councilwoman Carolyn Leach represented Cinco Bayou at today's meeting. Councilman Kendrick is Cinco Bayou's appointed representative, however.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Mayor Harry Montague, Councilman Al Swihart and Councilwoman Sharon Slivko were appointed to the Nominating Committee for the 1997 slate of officers.

REPORTS FROM  
CITIES:

Cinco Bayou - Mentioned drainage problem, with hope that County may possibly assist with solution.

Crestview - Mentioned successful CDBG for downtown and offered to share information with other cities.

Destin - Mentioned work towards FY97 budget; resolving recreational issues; suggested unified efforts for construction of artificial reefs; and planning & zoning for enclaves.

Shalimar - Mentioned that official bid is out for repairs on Old Ferry Road.

Valparaiso - Mentioned commencement of erosion control project along Bayshore Drive; budget process ongoing, with 30% increase in health care premiums due to State mandates; artificial reef projects and possible coordination with other cities.

Okaloosa County - Mentioned that County's millage rate would not increase in FY97 Budget; juvenile detention facility and OCI expansion; deceleration lane to be constructed on Little Silver Road, to OCI; proposal that County and municipalities confer on possible consolidated health plan, for lower premiums; public hearings to begin concerning future use of acres on Okaloosa Island; looking forward to input concerning double taxation.

LOSS OF INCOME  
DUE TO

"UNBUNDLING": Commissioner Strong spoke briefly on future "unbundling" of utilities such as gas and electric, and the potential loss of income from franchise fees, etc. A sales tax could make up the difference, but municipalities need to strategize if they want to pursue.

ADJOURN: With no additional business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

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Heyward H. Strong, Jr.  
President

ATTEST:

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Dean Covey  
Secretary

