

OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

August 22, 1996

INTRODUCTION: A meeting of the Okaloosa County League of Cities Executive Board was called to order on Thursday, August 22, 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 Councilman Dean Covey, Ft. Walton Beach; Sec'ty/Treasurer Councilwoman Sharon Slivko, Destin
Councilman Perry Cadenhead, Laurel Hill
Councilman Al Swihart, Niceville
Mayor Harry Montague, Shalimar

ABSENT: Councilman Jim Kendrick, Cinco Bayou
Mayor Libby Arcemont, Mary Esther

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 the Executive Board Meeting of 07-18-96.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report showed a balance of \$1629.64.

ARTIFICIAL REEFS: Commissioner Strong reported on the construction of artificial reefs and briefly explained the grant process. Discussion followed concerning a cooperative effort and possibly the formation of a committee. Names will be forwarded to Councilwoman Slivko, who will report at the next Executive Board meeting.

DOUBLE TAXATION ISSUE: Commissioner Strong reported on the double taxation issue and County Commissioner Nick Nicholson spoke on behalf of the County. Commissioner Strong asked each representative to ask their respective Police Departments for information on the number of alarms involving county personnel. Members were provided copies of a letter from Kenneth Small, with the Florida League of Cities, concerning separate millage rates for incorporated and unincorporated areas of a county.

HOME RULE CHARTER: A motion was made and carried that the Okaloosa County League of Cities should not take a position for or against the proposed Home Rule Charter.

UNBUNDLING: Commissioner Strong reported that the State was moving on the issue of "unbundling" (utilities billed from out-of-state),

which would result in a loss of income through franchise and utility taxes. He suggested a one cent sales tax be considered over the next four years, to replace lost revenue.

**NOMINATING
COMMITTEE:**

Councilman Al Swihart reported that the Nominating Committee had recommended the following individuals for the 1997 slate of officers:

Councilwoman Brenda Bush	- President
Mayor Libby Arcemont	- Vice-President
Councilwoman Sharon Slivko	- Sec'ty/Treasurer

FT. WALTON BEACH

REPRESENTATIVE: Councilman Covey said he could no longer serve as his city's representative, due to time constraints. Another representative will be appointed.

**REPORTS FROM
CITIES:**

Crestview - Budget workshops ongoing, with a 5.793 tentative millage rate. Current rate is 5.0.

Destin - Budget process proceeding into public hearings.

Fort Walton Beach - Budget workshops being held, with current millage of 4.97 retained. Budget totals \$24.5 million.

Laurel Hill - Budget process ongoing, with \$198,000 total proposed. No ad valorem taxes. North Okaloosa Medical Clinic to open soon. Gene Clary Park progressing. Three new members on Council.

Niceville - LOC Quarterly Dinner Meeting to be held Sept. 19th at Children's Park.

Shalimar - Budget process ongoing, with proposed millage rate of 3.2.

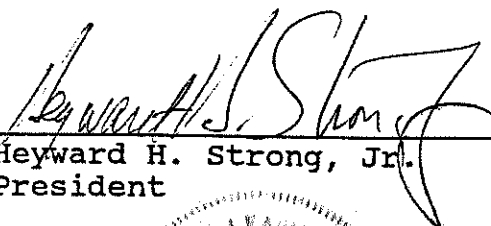
Valparaiso - Budget process ongoing, with proposed millage rate of 2.75.

Okaloosa County - Reiterated County's intentions to cooperate with municipalities on all issues, to reach common goals.

ADJOURN:

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

ATTEST:



Heyward H. Strong, Jr.
President

Dean Covey
Secretary

