

**OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
MARCH 27, 1997**

1. The quarterly meeting of the Okaloosa County League of Cities Executive Board was called to order on Thursday, March 27, 1997 at 7:16 P.M. at the Eglin Air Force Base Golf Course Banquet Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT were Councilwoman Brenda Bush, Crestview; Mayor Libby Arcemont, Mary Esther; Commissioner Heyward Strong, Jr., Valparaiso; City Clerk Helen Spencer, Ft. Walton Beach; Councilman Al Swihart, Niceville; Mayor Harry Montague, Shalimar; Councilman Jim Kendrix, Cinco Bayou; Mayor Perry Cadenhead, Laurel Hill; Beverly Fields, Crestview (Recorder) and numerous representatives from all cities of the league. Councilwoman Sharon Slivko was absent.

2. Councilman Sam Hayes of Crestview gave the invocation; President Bush led the pledge of allegiance to the flag; Mayor Arnold of Valparaiso welcomed everyone to the first quarterly meeting for the league and President Bush gave the opening remarks.
3. Mayor Arnold introduced guest speaker, Darcy A. Foster, Executive Assistant for Intergovernmental Relations for Florida League of Cities to talk about the "Legislative Priorities of the Florida League of Cities". Darcy Foster began her presentation with the theme "Eight At The Gate". She advised the issues were moving now and it is not over until it's over and hoped to see bills move out of House soon. She spoke about eight priorities dealing with Fiscal Sur-tax Exemption, Emergency Disaster Renovations, Comprehensive Planning, Water Management, Ethic Committee Reform, Police/Fire Pension, Taxpayer Protection Act and Community Law Enforcement Flexibility. Comments were made to each of the priorities. A question from the floor regarding new funding sources for stormwater was posed. Her presentation was well received.
4. President Bush expressed thanks to the speaker, Darcy Foster and presented her with a floral arrangement and a cut glass memento on behalf of the league. Also, recognition was accorded to outgoing recorded Helen Bourgeois, City Clerk of Valparaiso by a floral arrangement and co-receptionists Della Rhodes and Lois Davis. As the meeting concluded Councilman Swihart from Niceville urged support for the County-wide library system effort. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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**BRENDA BUSH, President**

