

MINUTES
OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
August 28, 1997

INTRODUCTION: A meeting of the Okaloosa County League of Cities Executive Board of Directors was called to order on Thursday, August 28, 1997 at 12 Noon, at the Upper Crust Restaurant with the following members present:

PRESENT: President Brenda Bush, Crestview
Councilman Heyward Strong, Valparaiso
Mayor Glenda Glover, Ft. Walton Beach
Councilwoman Sharon Slivko, Destin, Secretary
Councilman Jim Kendrix, Cinco Bayou

ABSENT: Councilman Al Swihart, Niceville
Mayor Harry Montague, Shalimar
Mayor Mike Blizzard, Laurel Hill
Mayor Libby Arcemont, Mary Esther, Vice President
Commissioner Nick Nicholson, County Representative

ALSO PRESENT: Secretary, Beverly Fields, Crestview

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CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the President, Brenda Bush.

MINUTES: Minutes were unavailable. Will submit next meeting for approval.

TREASURER REPORT: Councilwoman Sharon Slivko reported a check for \$50.00 to the Niceville Library in memory of Al Swihart's wife.

BUSINESS: **ISTEA/Resolution 97R:** President reported that she was on the Resolution Committee at the Convention and all of the cities were requested to take this resolution before the councils for their endorsement. This is in support of the ISTEAs funding. These funds are in the process of being either continued or discontinued.
EXPEDITED PERMITTING WORKSHOP: Data sent to us by Darcy Foster, the Executive Assistant Director in Intergovernmental Relations. It is regarding the workshops which are at no charge and would be very good. The workshop is to be presented in Ft. Walton Beach in September 1998. The next Florida League of Cities State Convention will be at Miami Beach.

DOUBLE TAXATION: Mayor Glover touched on Councilman Strong attending her Mayor Advisory Group regarding Double Taxation.

***Overall well understood, very good meeting and a good way to get another few citizens an understanding of what is going on. Three cities have always said at every meeting that you need to do this for everybody. We've only moved to the three cities because it was forced on us by the County Commissioners. We need to start informing our citizens of what is going on and talk to our people. Ft. Walton Beach received a letter RE: County trying to reverse action. Mr. Levy, out of Tallahassee, was the attorney in 1984. Ft. Walton Beach council voted to be in contact through Jerry Miller; the attorney with Mr. Levy to let us know what we need to do and we are moving forward. Ft. Walton Beach will probably be contacting Valparaiso and Crestview to participate in this monetary wise; we wanted to ask you all if you would approach your councils to see if your cities would be willing to help on some of the financial aspects of it. Timing on this issue is unknown; Mr. Levy will tell us. Since it is a court case, this gives us the opportunity to talk to our citizens through the water bill. Councilwoman Slivko stated Sheriff's Department in Destin do a real good job but that's not the question. Question is why are we paying twice for them. Councilman Kendrix stated this was similar to the library issue.

QUARTERLY MEETING: Crestview will be hosting at the Gum Creek Lodge near Baker on September 18, 1997. Mayor Whitehurst has planned a special evening. Maps will be included with the invitations. Durell Peaden is our guest speaker.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: It's time for a Nominating Committee to be formed from our group. New Officers will take office the first month of the year, but the Committee needs to go ahead and plan on who to install for the new year. Councilman Swihart, Mayor Glover and Councilman Strong agreed to meet and then advise President Bush with their nominations.

***continued Double Taxation

REPORTS FOR CITIES: Cinco Bayou would like to pursue the double taxation issue. Crestview had no report. Destin reported four members of the council and the Mayor to attend the Florida League of Cities Convention. Ft. Walton Beach reported they were granted the Main Street designation. Shelly Bush, the person that helped push it through, has now taken a job in Chicago so she will be commuting back and forth. Conducted a Transportation Show with about 50 people in attendance. A person from Tallahassee reported on how to put in diagonal parking, parallel parking; take four lanes and make two and how they are pushing 60,000 cars through the middle of town. We have encouraged the Police Academy Program; we just graduated the third group and anybody can participate. It is a fourteen week course, where they work and ride with police to learn everything about the police department. It is a

wonderful program. Councilman Strong reported for Valparaiso in that he was going to offer to resign from having anything to do with double taxation. He stated that one of our commissioners went to the Sheriff's Department and tried to bring the Sheriff's Department in to displace the Police Department. Discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Strong at 1:20 PM.

Brenda Bush, President

