

MINUTES OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 4, 1999

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12 noon at Cinco Bayou Town Hall Center by President Glenda Glover.

PRESENT: Councilman Dutch Payne – Cinco Bayou
Councilwoman Brenda Bush – Crestview
Mayor Glenda Glover – Fort Walton Beach – President
Mayor Dell Dunn – Mary Esther
Councilman Al Swihart – Niceville
Commissioner Gary Combs – Shalimar
Commissioner Heyward Strong – Valparaiso
Commissioner Paula Riggs – Okaloosa County
Councilwoman Sharon Slivko

ABSENT: Councilman Perry Cadenhead – Laurel Hill

GUESTS: Brenda Hendricks, Mayor of Parker, President PLOC
Howard Hendricks
Cinco Bayou Town Manager

PRESENTATION BY PLOC's PRESIDENT: Mayor Hendricks gave an overview on the lobbying team that the Panhandle LOC has created. Further that education for the team is critical in order to understand the issues and those slots are still available as a lobbying member. A lobbying team orientation is scheduled for 1-21-99 in Marianna, which is a prerequisite as a lobbying member. Also comments are requested from any city. She asked that Jeff Hendry be contacted should you have additions or suggestions. Some of the issues are Okaloosa Library, Wastewater surcharge, Urban renewal, Economic development, Police Pension Fund, to name a few. She said there is about 30 items that panhandle members are concerned about from their area, which will be forwarded to each City shortly. Further the PCL has previously adopted the issues of the FLOC but that is changing due to individual concerns of panhandle cities. Members discussed the library issue at length. Mayor Glover wanted to know how we could pull the cities in the panhandle together in order to have a more cohesive organization. Mayor Hendricks said in the past elected directors move up the ladder but now more elected officials are interested in serving thus allowing several members to run for one slot. Further that individual cities need to attend meetings of the PLC as often as possible. Further that issues of PLC should be gathered earlier in the year along with issues of the FLOC. Also she feels meetings should be held in different cities in the panhandle instead of meeting at the same place each time. OCLOC feels they should have a chance to serve on the BOD to the FLOC. Mayor Hendricks said at the annual dinner nominations from the floor will be considered and if someone wishes to serve this is the place to be

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nominated. She gave an overview of what has happened this past year. OCLOC feels there should be a process under the nominating committee for interested officials. Further the FLOC wants interested individuals who will give of their time and energy to serve as BOD. Hopefully this year changes will occur and those interested will be nominated. Suggested OCLOC become active in the PLC and attends meetings and let everyone know they are interested in serving as a BOD. Members talked about how the PLC was initially begun and the changes that have occurred over the years. A key factor is the lobbying teams and the work they do in Tallahassee for panhandle cities. Further Mayor Hendricks said if any city would like to host a meeting of PCL to let her know and she is sure they will be considered.

Mayor Glover thanked Mayor Hendricks for attending the meeting and giving an overview of past history.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Due to the length of the meeting the minutes, treasurers' report, OCLOC's web site item, and City reports will be forwarded to the February meeting for action.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 1:35PM.

Glenda Glover – President

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