

**MINUTES OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MAY 6, 1999**

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President Heyward Strong called the meeting to order at 12 noon at Cinco Bayou Town Hall.

PRESENT: Councilwoman Brenda Bush – Crestview
Mayor Del Dunn – Mary Esther
Councilman Al Swihart – Niceville
Mayor Gary Combs – Shalimar
Commissioner Heyward Strong – Valparaiso
Councilwoman Fay Miller – Laurel Hill

ABSENT: Councilman Dutch Payne – Cinco Bayou
Councilwoman Sharon Slivko - Destin
Mayor Glenda Glover – Fort Walton Beach
Commissioner Paula Riggs – Okaloosa County

GUESTS: Town Manager Chuck Turner – Cinco Bayou
City Clerk Laura Houchens – Mary Esther

MINUTES: Mayor Gary Combs moved to approve the minutes of the quarterly luncheon meeting of April 1, 1999 held at Cinco Bayou Town Hall. Motion was seconded by Mayor Del Dunn and unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mayor Del Dunn, Secretary/Treasurer, reported a balance of \$2,129.37 as of May 6, 1999.

PROPOSED 1-CENT SALES TAX: The proposed letter, signed by all Mayors, has been approved with the exception of Laurel Hill and Niceville. Plans are to attend the Laurel Hill Council meeting this evening and Commissioner Hayward Strong will speak on behalf of the OCLOC. In essence, the letter states the OCLOC's will support the proposed 1-cent sales tax providing it is distributed on a per-capita basis and will be sent to the Chairman of the County Commission. No plans have been made at this time to meet with the City of Niceville.

PROPOSED FALL LEGISLATIVE MEETING: Confirmed reservations for the Destin Recreation Center on September 23, 1999, from 6PM until 9PM. Further the \$75 fee; hold harmless and insurance requirements waived by Destin. Mayor Glover has sent a personal letter to each local legislator requesting his or her attendance. She has not heard from anyone to date. Preparation for the event will move forward as we hear from our local delegation. Also if you know of a sponsor to please let us know.

PANHANDLE LEAGUE OF CITIES: Discussion was held concerning a nomination for the PLOC from OCLOC. Del Dunn moved to select Crestview Councilman Sam Hayes as a nomination for the PLOC providing he accepts the nomination. Motion was seconded by Brenda Bush and carried unanimously. Discussion continued on a member to serve on the nominating committee for the PLOC. Gary Combs moved to appoint Cinco Bayou Councilman Dutch Payne to serve on the Nominating Committee for the PLOC. Motion was seconded by Brenda Bush and carried unanimously.

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Discussion was held concerning the nomination of a Legislature of the year. Del Dunn moved to sponsor Terry Melvin as a candidate for the Legislator of the Year. Motion was seconded by Gary Combs and unanimously passed. Heyward Hayes said he would submit the required application. Mayor Del Dunn said he would like to take this back to his Council for confirmation.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion was held on the Y2K problem and the water issue. Most felt the cities should approach the water issue collectively.

ANNOUNCEMENT/REPORT FROM CITIES:

Cinco Bayou – Absent, no report

Crestview – Reported a satellite Post Office was being put in the downtown area.

Destin – Absent, no report.

Fort Walton Beach – Absent, no report.

Laurel Hill – Said they were trying to get a library but have not been successful.

Mary Esther – Discussed grants received for infrastructure and park enhancements which will include a walking path and gazabo. Also new post office is almost completed.

Niceville – Reported clearing the land for beginning construction of a new library. Further the Turkey Creek walkway is still held up by DPT and when completed it should be a nice project for the City. Discussed a skate board track and that some of the Council will be travelling to South FL to look at some already completed areas.

Shalimar – Reported Antonio's will open in approximately 45 days.

Valparaiso – Discussed the different projects happening in the City.

QUARTERLY DINNER MEETING: Valparaiso will host on 6-24-99 at the Eglin Officers Club. More information to follow.

NEXT MEETING: It was agreed to hold a June meeting on the 10th of the OCLOC Executive Board.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 1:05PM.

Glenda Glover – President

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