

# MINUTES OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING JUNE 10, 1999

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Glenda called the meeting to order at 12 Noon at Cinco Bayou Town Hall.

**PRESENT:** Councilman Dutch Payne – Cinco Bayou  
Councilwoman Sharon Slivko – Destin  
Mayor Glenda Glover – Fort Walton Beach  
Councilwoman Fay Miller – Laurel Hill  
Mayor Del Dunn – Mary Esther  
Councilman Al Swihart – Niceville  
Mayor Gary Combs – Shalimar  
Commissioner Heyward Strong – Valparaiso

**ABSENT:** Councilwoman Brenda Bush – Crestview  
Commissioner Paula Riggs – Okaloosa County

**GUESTS:** City Clerk Laura Houchens – Mary Esther

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**MINUTES:** Councilman Al Swihart moved to approve the minutes of May 6, 1999. Motion was seconded by Mayor Del Dunn and passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mayor Del Dunn, Secretary/Treasurer, reported a balance of \$2,055.54 as of June 10, 1999.

**INTRODUCTION:** Introduced new member, Councilwoman Fay Miller from Laurel Hill and welcomed her to the Executive Board.

**LUNCH FEE:** Discussed payment of lunch fee monthly and agreed this should be done annually. Directed Treasurer to bill each city accordingly.

**PROPOSED ADDITIONAL 1-CENT SALE TAX:** Commissioner Heyward Strong said he attended the Laurel Hill Council meeting speaking on behalf of the OCLOC and they agreed for their Mayor to sign the letter supporting the 1-cent sales tax providing it is distributed on a per-capita basis and will be forwarded to the County Commission Chairman. At this point, Niceville has not agreed to participate. Commissioner Strong said an original letter would be taken to each City for the Mayor's signature. President Glover will arrange an appointment with Chairman of the County Commissioners, Nick Nicholson, to present the letter to him. Suggestions were to present a graft explaining what the Cities now receive and the difference the per capita designation would make for them. Members agreed with the cities collectively agreeing to this that we will have a much better chance of getting the per-capita basis.

**PROPOSED FALL LEGISLATIVE MEETING IN DESTIN:** President Glover said letters have been sent to the local legislative delegation and only one has responded. A second letter will be sent shortly. It was felt there is no need to obtain sponsors and set the menu until they have responded. Will also notify the FLOC to attend.

**ANNUAL DINNER MEETING OF PLOC:** Member cities that attended on 6-4-99 reported approximately 250 people attended and was one of the largest yet held. The proposed bylaw changes were discussed. Noted that Dutch Payne will serve as a director representing the OCLOC.

**WATER COMPUTER MODEL:** President Glover said a letter was sent to Commissioner Cathy O'Dell, who is chairman of the RUA requesting they fund the water computer model which will assist all the cities on future water needs.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** A nominating form will be sent to each OCLOC member requesting nominations to serve for the calendar year 2000.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS FROM CITIES:**

**Cinco Bayou:** Working on beautification projects for the Town.

**Crestview:** Absent, no report.

**Destin:** Formed a tree committee in an effort to obtain a Tree City USA designation. Beach access is a major subject for both residents and tourist alike.

**Fort Walton Beach:** Reported the Billy Bowlegs festival was very successful drawing a very large crowd. Noted a public archaeology project was instituted at Fort Walton Landing between the UWF and the City. Mentioned redevelopment in the City is progressing favorable with Royal View Condo replacing the site of Damons and a new 6-unit condo on Brooks Street. Fort Walton Square has a new name, Uptown Station and renovations there are on going. The Gulfview Hotel recently received a state grant for rehabilitation and a Bed & Breakfast is going in next to them. Council approved the purchase of Lowery Place for a new Library and Police Department. The "Around the Mound" is also progressing and traffic calming on downtown Hwy 98.

**Laurel Hill:** A new business manufacturing bicycle parts has been added to our Industrial Park and a local lady 90 years old received a special citizen of the year award, who has lived in Laurel Hill all of her life and are planning a celebration for her. We are working on zoning maps, which are out of date.

**Mary Esther:** Received a presentation from the Sheriffs Department and their proposal was less than what we now pay for police services. Feel there are advantages and disadvantages to the proposal and no decision has been made. Have received P2000 grants for updating parks. Working on a new logo and shield for Mary Esther which initiated from the Beautification Committee. Still working on water issues.

**Niceville:** Presently proceeding on work for the new library. Still working on Turkey Creek and resolving DEP concerns which will consist of 1-1/4 mile walkway along the creek and should be completed by fall. A dedication plaque for citizens reaching 100 years or more has been initiated.

**Shalimar:** Reported Town Clerk Jean Wilkerson has left and Deputy Clerk Nell Webb has assumed her duties.

**Valparaiso:** Working with NFWFM on storm water runoff and upgrading Little Lincoln park which is used extensively by families.

**QUARTERLY DINNER MEETING:** Hosted by Valparaiso on June 24, 1999 at Eglin Officers Club.

**NEXT MEETING:** Will be held on July 1, 1999.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 1:25PM.

Glenda Glover, President

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