

**MINUTES OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1999**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Glenda Glover called the meeting to order at 12 noon at Cinco Bayou Town Hall.

PRESENT

Councilman Dutch Payne-Cinco Bayou
Councilwoman Brenda Bush-Crestview
Councilwoman Sharon Slivko-Destin
Mayor Glenda Glover-Fort Walton Beach
Councilwoman Fay Miller-Laurel Hill
Mayor Del Dunn-Mary Esther
Councilman Al Swihart-Niceville
Commissioner Heyward Strong-Valparaiso

ABSENT

Mayor Gary Combs-Shalimar
Commissioner Paula Riggs-Okaloosa County

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Heyward Strong moved to approve the regular minutes of September 13, 1999 and Quarterly Dinner meeting of September 16, 1999. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dutch Payne and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Reported an ending balance of \$2,110.97 as of September 30, 1999. The Treasurer's report was approved and filed for audit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Fall Legislative Reception

It was the consensus the Legislators were pleased to meet with the cities, there were a lot of positive comments, and FL League of Cities was in favor as well as NWFL League of Cities. The attendance was a little disappointing with approximately 65 attendees because of four cities holding budget public hearings that same night. Most felt it was a good first start and should be held annually. \$800 was obtained from the sponsors and many of the sponsors were willing to donate again next year. Suggestions for next year was to set up a little firmer agenda for a more structured meeting to include presentations to the Legislators and possibly some of the real issues posted on the walls for everyone to view. All Legislators were present except Senator Childers and Rep. Miller sent his aid. Discussed the process that is needed to present our issues to the FLOC. Suggestion for date next year would be the end of August. Commissioner Strong said he would ask the Okaloosa Gas District to sponsor the 2000 reception in its entirety at a cost of approximately \$1,500. Suggestion for the spring of the year was discussed and possibly have two a year. It was agreed to talk with Rep. Jerry Melvin to see if one was possible in the spring of the year. Discussed the boundaries for each of the Legislators.

Update on Water Computer Model

NWFWM will pay 85% and the member cities of the RUA will pay the remaining 15%. Mayor Glover invited all the cities to attend a joint meeting of FWB/Mary Esther Councils on Reverse Osmosis scheduled for 10-18-99 to view the Dolphin Island project. Discussed the process of Reverse Osmosis.

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Update on Proposed 1-cent Sales Tax

Mayor Glover said she has not received an answer from the correspondence written to Chairman Nick Nicholson stating that the cities would like to meet on the subject. It was agreed the cities would back Candidates who are City friendly in the next election. Commissioner Strong said he spoke with County Manager Chris Holley and he said the Commissioners did not want to meet with the Cities until after they meet on the Judicial Center concerns, which will be in November.

Consideration of Paying Expenses for Lobbying

Most felt the individual Cities pay the expenses of lobbying officials, however it was suggested our League should pay some of the expenses. Mayor Del Dunn moved to consider lobbying expenses on a case by case issue. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Sharon Slivko and unanimously passed. It was consensus that most lobbying was accomplished in Tallahassee.

County Parks

Discussed the issue of the County Parks and the methodology used to determine costs. Commissioner Strong gave an outline of what happened at the County meeting concerning a proposed Parks Department for Okaloosa County. The final outcome reduced the budget extensively.

NEW BUSINESS

December Quarterly Dinner Social

Discussion on terms for each City, this was originally structured to go alphabetical and any changes from this method should be handled individually. The next City on the list is Crestview for December 1999.

1999 Annual Fall Dinner

Reminded everyone of the Annual Fall Dinner & Membership Meeting to be held on November 4, 1999 at the Ramada Inn on Okaloosa Island.

Monthly Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on November 8, 1999 at Cinco Bayou Town Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05PM

Glenda Glover, President

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