

**MINUTES OF THE OKALOOSA COUNTY
LEAGUE OF CITIES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2000**

CALL TO ORDER

President 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
Mayor Ken Beaird-Destin
Mayor Glenda Glover-Fort Walton Beach
Councilwoman Fay Miller-Laurel Hill
Mayor John Thomas-Mary Esther
Mayor Gary Combs-Shalimar
Commissioner Heyward Strong-Valparaiso

ABSENT

Councilman Al Swihart-Niceville
Okaloosa County Commissioner

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Heyward Strong to approve the regular minutes of Thursday, November 2, 2000. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dutch Payne and carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Councilwoman Fay Miller, reported two checks were written for month, leaving a balance of \$1,868.62. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution 2000-1 – A resolution of the Okaloosa County League of Cities expressing support of the efforts of the Okaloosa County Water Conservation Committee on the Yellow River Reservoir Water Conservation project or any other water conservation projects or plans; and providing for an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Brenda Bush to approve Resolution 2000-1. Councilman Dutch Payne seconded motion.

Discussion was held and agreed to delete the word, increasing in the last line of Section I. Councilman Dutch Payne, who seconded the motion, accepted the amendment. The subject of environmental issues was considered and that this appeared to be the only group stepping forward with a possible solution at this time and we should support the project.

Motion as amended, passed unanimously.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER LIAISON

It was noted that Commissioner Shirley Ransom is chairman of the County Commission for 2001. Hopefully she will nominate herself as liaison to the OCLOC and attend our meetings. Mayor Thomas will contact the BCC to see if this is possible.

PROPOSED 1-CENT SALES TAX ISSUE

Discussed the resolution prepared by the City of Crestview concerning the proposed 1-cent sales tax issue. Agreed there are several changes needed to the resolution. Agreed the cities should call for a vote collectively and the resolution should be amended to state the change. Further, in July 2000, a letter was sent by the Mayors, with exception of one City, requesting a vote on the proposed 1-cent sales tax, which was done collectively.

The resolution will be sent to our Legislative Delegation upon completion including a resolution from each City. Our FLOC, John Wayne Smith, will prepare a bill to be considered by the Delegation.

Discussed further the needed changes and Councilwoman Brenda Bush advised her City will make the appropriate changes to the resolution and fax it to the remaining Cities ASAP. Member Cities will attempt to gain their Council's approval of a similar resolution by each City. Members commended Crestview for taking the initiative to prepare the resolution.

Motion was made by Mayor Gary Combs to approve the resolution with amended changes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Heyward Strong and carried unanimously.

FLOC APPOINTMENTS

Councilwoman Brenda Bush was appointed to the Environmental Committee and Commissioner Heyward Strong will remain as a representative on the Finance Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1pm.

