

**OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOVEMBER 7, 2002**

1. The regular meeting of the Okaloosa County League of Cities Executive Board of Directors was called to order on Thursday, November 7, 2002 at 12:00 p.m. at the Cinco Bayou Board Room by President Brenda Bush.

Present: President Councilwoman Brenda Bush, Crestview; Treasurer Mayor Sara Carroll, Cinco Bayou; Mayor Craig Barker, Destin; Mayor Glenda Glover, Ft. Walton Beach; Mayor John Thomas, Mary Esther; Commissioner Tina Smith, Shalimar; Councilwoman Fay Miller, Laurel Hill; Councilman Heyward Strong, Valparaiso, and Commissioner Shirley Ransom, Okaloosa County.

Absent: Councilman Al Swihart, Niceville and Colonel Jimmie Smith, Eglin Air Force Base.

2. Mayor Carroll stated the ending balance for October, 2002 was \$3,636.76 minus lunches of \$58.03 leaving a balance of \$3,578.73. She then presented for approval of the Board, the plaque for Statesman of the Year which will be given to Jeff Miller at the December Banquet. The cost was \$57.19. Discussion ensued regarding availability of the trophy and adopting the design as standard. Ms. Carroll suggested that the League pick up the tab for the dinner guests in December. The bill will be sent to the League for payment.

Ms. Carroll asked for unfinished business. She again requested responses from the cities regarding their evaluation documents.

Mr. Strong asked for the date of the meeting with the Legislators. January 16, 2003 was the date selected and the time was decided for 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Two Trees Restaurant.

The By-laws were next item for discussion and Mayor Glover stated the changes as follows: Article II, Purposes, the word Association was changed to League. Section III & Section I the word Association was changed to League, as with all other references to Association. Councilmen was changed to Councilperson. Article 4 - Dues will remain at \$50.00 with no further changes. Section 3 of Article 5 - added or electronic mail.

Mr. Strong suggested a change to Board of Directors as opposed to Executive Board. Discussion ensued.

Discussion ensued with regard to the schedule of meetings. The change to the By-Laws of the Board shall read: The regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held on the first Thursday of each month. Discussion ensued.

No changes were made to Section 2.

Section 3 Special meetings shall be called by the President or not less than 1/3 of membership.

Mayor Thomas stated that the gender was removed. Discussion ensued.

At that time, President Brenda Bush arrived.

Article 4, Section 1: Officers.

Discussion ensued regarding the preparation of minutes by each President. After lengthy discussion, the Secretarial position will be responsible for the taking of minutes of the meeting, either in person or by proxy.

Mayor Carroll brought Ms. Bush current with respect to the meeting prior to her arrival. Thereupon, Ms. Bush took charge and proceeded.

Ms. Bush suggested a review of the minutes of October 3, 2002, asking each to read thoroughly with regard to the names of those making motions and seconds due to the transcriber not being present.

Correction: In the treasurer's report, the minutes were approved as read with a motion by Mayor Glover with a second by Mr. Strong. Vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Swihart). Motion carried.

The minutes from September 2002 will be brought forth in the December meeting.

Motion was made by Mayor Glover to approve the minutes of October 3, 2002 as read with a second by Mr. Strong. Vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Swihart). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Glover to approve as read the Treasurer's Report as read with a second by Mr. Thomas. Vote:: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent (Swihart). Motion carried.

President Bush asked for the continuation of unfinished business relating to the offices of President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. Further discussion ensued. The Charter shall read Secretary/Treasurer as one position.

Ms. Carroll has not yet received any historical financial records. Mayor Carroll will contact Dutch for any other records in his possession.

Further discussion ensued with regard to the officers. The single office of

Secretary and Treasurer will be replaced with the one office of Secretary/Treasurer.

Mr. Strong stated that no office or Board member will be held by any two members from the same City. The same shall be with the delegates. A lengthy discussion ensued with regard to the Sunshine Law. Article 3, Section 1 shall read as follows: The Board of Directors shall consist of the League Officers and an elected official from each municipality or town not represented as an officer. Other members may be appointed by the Board of Directors but such members will have no voting rights. The Board of Directors shall be appointed by their respective municipalities and must be an elected official.

Article 7. Section 4. Verbiage added "Each member of the committee shall serve on such committee until a successor is appointed or the committee is dissolved."

Two members of the Board of Directors will be appointed by the board to audit the books of the committee. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Glover mentioned a change to include the statement regarding repeated absenteeism. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Strong stated he had not received all the per capita information from each City yet. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding double taxation. Mayor Carroll states she will not be able to give a per capita amount for Cinco Bayou since they are not a member of the Cooperative. Further discussion ensued.

Ms. Bush stated the quarterly meeting of the NWFLOC will be in Chattahoochee on November 21st at the RV Resort and Campground Clubhouse beginning at 6:00 p.m., EST.

The City of Laurel Hill gives the invitation of December 19th, 2002 which will be held at the Shoal River Country Club 6 & 7 p.m. Invitations will be mailed soon. Guest Speaker will be State Senator Durell Peaden and Jeff Miller will be honored as recipient of our Statesman of the Year Award.

6. The President called for Announcements/Reports from each City. They reported as follows:

Cinco Bayou - Mayor Carroll stated 2/3 of the registered voters cast ballots. Work has begun on reconditioning the drainage ditch that runs under Yacht Club and dumps into the Bayou. Also, the boat ramp is receiving a renovation and facelift.

Crestview - Ms. Bush announced the staggered term vote went well and was passed for the Council and Mayor. Also, 79% of the voters elected to allow the Bill of Rights, Constitution and Ten Commandments and other religious documents be posted in the City Hall.

Destin - Mayor Barker informs the Board his City Council has approved the Harbor Walk Village project which will have quite an economic impact on the City. The beach renourishment program will begin with a meeting in late November or early December with interested Okaloosa County, TDC, Destin and Walton County Commission, etc.

Fort Walton Beach - Mayor Glover was unable to stay for the entire meeting today and her report was not given.

Laurel Hill - Councilwoman Miller had to leave; however, a reminder of the Quarterly meeting at the Shoal on December 19th.

Mary Esther - Mayor Thomas reminds attendees that the City of Mary Esther will host their fourth annual Veteran's Day Parade on the 11th of November at 1 p.m.

Niceville - Mr. Swihart was absent - no report given.

Shalimar - Tina states that the replacement of the lights will take place this month.

Valparaiso - Commissioner Strong states their quasi-judicial hearings are on-going. A few years ago the NWF Water Management District is involved in three projects in Valparaiso dealing with stormwater runoff.

Eglin AFB - No representative was in attendance - no report given.

Okaloosa County - Garnier's Plant environmental assessment is ongoing. On November 19th, there will be three new Commissioners sworn in and the Commission will have two new former City officials.

7. Ms. Bush announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting is on December 5, 2002 at Cinco Bayou Town Hall.

Ms. Bush asked for motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Mayor Sara Carroll; seconded by Mr. Strong.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Brenda Bush

BRENDA BUSH, President

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