

**OKALOOSA COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
DECEMBER 5, 2002**

1. The regular meeting of the Okaloosa County League of Cities Executive Board of Directors was called to order on Thursday, December 5, 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; Councilwoman Fay Miller, Laurel Hill; Mayor John Thomas, Mary Esther; Councilman Al Swilhart, Niceville; Commissioner Tina Smith, Shalimar; and Commissioner Heyward Strong, Valparaiso.

Absent: Colonel Jimmie Smith, Eglin Air Force Base and Commissioner Shirley Ransom, Okaloosa County.

2. President Bush called attention to the minutes of the last meeting. After review and a brief discussion, motion was made by Mayor Thomas to accept the minutes of November 2002 with suggested stipulation and seconded by Mayor Glover. Vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. Motion carried.
3. Mayor Carroll stated the ending balance for October, 2002 was \$3,578.73 with expenditures of \$57.19 for plaque to be presented to Mr. Miller at the quarterly dinner meeting and \$64.58 to Bon Appetite' for lunches for November; leaving a balance of \$3,456.96. Ms. Carroll stated she had contacted Dutch Payne; he stated all records were provided to her as given to him by his predecessor. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as read made by Ms. Glover, seconded by Mayor Combs. Vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent, Motion carried.
4. Under unfinished business, Ms. Bush states she has a copy of a letter of invitation which was mailed to each representative for the reception/meeting with them at the Fort Walton Beach Golf & Country Club, Two Trees Restaurant on Thursday, January 16, 2003 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The letter was read to the Board. RSVP's will be given to Lorraine at Fort Walton Beach prior to December 20, 2002.

After a brief discussion regarding the budget and the possibility of rescheduling of the reception due to lack of response at this time. Mayor Glover read a press release for Friday, December 20, 2002 5:30-7:00 p.m. which states that Ray Sansom, Charlie Clary, Durell Peaden, Bev Kilmer, Don Brown & Greg Evers will be holding a special hearing for the local issues for each City. Mr. Strong asks for research where the County can call for a vote on capital improvements tax. This could be one of the requests to present to the legislative group for their support. Further discussion ensued. Motion was made by Mayor Combs, seconded by Mayor Glover to call Paula Riggs to request Elaine Tucker as an attendee to the monthly meetings.

For the record, Mr. Carroll states that Ms. Ransom did not pay for her meal last month and she would like the record to show a balance due of \$6.00.

Ms. Bush states the next quarterly meeting (to be hosted by Laurel Hill) will be held on December 19, 2002 at Shoal River Country Club. Invitations have been mailed to each city and Ms. Bush urges everyone to attend.

The next item of old business presented was the By-Laws. A brief discussion ensued.

Mayor Thomas made a motion regarding acceptance of Article II. Second was made by Mayor Glover to accept as discussed.

Section 6 of Article VI - shall read: "Each member municipality and town will have one vote." Motion to accept change by Barker, seconded by Glover. Vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Article VII is accepted upon correction of typo to read "meeting".

Article II is accepted with changes as discussed.

Article III, Section 1 - shall read: "Member municipalities and incorporated towns representation in the League will be restricted to Elected Officials." Motion to approve change by Strong, seconded by Combs. Vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Further discussion ensued regarding elected officials.

Article III, Section 4, under membership shall be added to read: Should an elected official not be able to attend they may choose to send their representative from that City. Motion to approve as changed by Mayor Combs; seconded by Commissioner Strong. Vote: 8 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

New Business:

Mayor Combs would like to host the January 2003 meeting in Shalimar. During the luncheon he will have a guest present a short primer on building websites, etc., and allowing the League to create a domain name and create and edit a website. Approximate cost for creating, designing, etc. of web page \$500.00.

Motion by Mayor Combs to host January 2003 meeting in Shalimar; seconded by Mayor Thomas.

Ms. Bush asked for other new business. Mr. Strong brought to the floor the letter received from the City of North Port. Discussion ensued and urged each City to sign and return the card as soon as possible.

The FLC is paying the bill to train anyone on the ground roots of lobbying. A book is available and training days will be provided for the grass roots lobbying. Further discussion ensued regarding scheduling of a training session.

Further discussion ensued regarding Legislative actions.

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

Cinco Bayou - Mayor Carroll updated the Board on the loss of their former Mayor. Refurbishments are continuing repairs to the drainage ditch. Bids will be let for improvements to the boat ramps.

Crestview - Ms. Bush announces the Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Destin - Mayor Barker informs the Board of the 40 public meetings held regarding their comprehensive plan amendment. Christmas activities are lined up and the city is very busy.

(Tape ended at this point and no report was recorded by Mayor Glover.)

Fort Walton Beach - .

(Tape resumed at this point.)

Laurel Hill - Councilwoman Miller states the City is currently holding a surplus property sale out for bids.

Ms. Bush excused herself from the meeting at this point to attend a Workshop/Meeting in Crestview Chambers.

Mary Esther - Mayor Thomas states his City is doing fine.

Niceville - Niceville/Valparaiso will hold their Christmas parade on Saturday, sponsored by the Rotary Club. A new skateboard park will be built adjacent to the City Hall/Police Station in the near future. Numerous street repairs are planned for the future.

Shalimar - Mr. Combs announced all unmarked police cars are now marked other than the Police Chief. All offices are up for election during the new year. Mr. Combs encourages all to attend the January meeting and is excited over this new venture.

Valparaiso - Commissioner Strong states that their City Manager has resigned. Many applications have been received for this opening. The Chamber has relocated and left a vacant building on the waterfront. A major lawsuit is in progress.

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

Okaloosa County - No representative was in attendance - no report given.

7. The next regularly scheduled meeting is on January 2, 2002 at Shalimar Town Hall.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.



Brenda O.E. Bush
BRENDA BUSH, President

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