

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL OF OKALOOSA COUNTY  
MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 1979 MEETING

The Council meeting was held at the Okaloosa County Courthouse Annex, Shalimar, Florida, Board of County Commissioners New Conference Room at 7:30 p.m., April 18, 1979.

The following representatives for the various Municipalities and the County were present at the meeting:

Moe Hersh - Okaloosa County  
Robert McKinley - Okaloosa County  
David A. Russell - Crestview  
Thomas J. Pryor - Mary Esther  
John B. Arnold - Valparaiso  
Darrell G. Fetner - Niceville  
Kenneth Espy - Cinco Bayou  
Curtis Bullock - Shalimar  
Colonel William Burkett - Eglin Air Force Base  
Bob Hunt - Fort Walton Beach

At the April 18 meeting the first item of discussion was the function of the council. It was decided that the Council was not being formed for the purpose of making decisions for one another, but to provide an informal forum whereby common area problems could be discussed and a mutual understanding between the County and the Municipalities could be formed in regards to lending assistance and support to each other when needed.

Mr. Hersh discussed various general topics which affect all local governments. They are as follows:

1. Traffic Circulation
2. Protection of Natural Resources
3. Industrial Development
4. Public Relations
5. Disaster Preparedness
6. Airports
7. Solid Waste Disposal
8. Conserving Energy

Mr. Arnold inquired about the forming of a charter for the council.

Mr. McKinley suggested they wait until the Council had an opportunity to take a definite form before a charter be outlined. Obtaining a copy of another county's intergovernmental council's charter was discussed.

Mr. Hersh discussed the problems the County had regarding the County jail. The State recommended the County jail be set-up as a regional jail. Okaloosa County was one out of 15 counties to receive grant monies for assistance.

Mr. Russell discussed areas he would like the Council to explore at future meetings. They are as follows:

- 1) 201 Sewage Treatment Program - The program covers approximately 80% of unincorporated area outside the City limits of Crestview, and the City presently is paying for not only the portion which is City, but also the 80% which is unincorporated County property. Mr. Russell requested a joint effort between the County and City be addressed.
- 2) Paving of City streets by County - Appreciation was given to the County by Mr. Russell for assistance in paving the City streets when feasible, but suggested the City furnish the County with a priority list of streets to be paved for future reference in order to insure coordination (water and sewer lines, curbing, etc.) can be maintained by the City and County. The priority list will also provide the County with a list of streets which need paving the most.
- 3) New law on annexation - Discuss setting-up a committee on annexation.

Discussion was held on setting-up future Council meetings on a rotation basis with the host being the chairman of the meeting.

Mr. Arnold suggested Mr. Hersh act as temporary Chairman until continuity was established in the Council. Council members agreed.

Mr. Russell suggested definite place and time for future meetings be established in order to alleviate confusion.

Mr. McKinley suggested the third Wednesday every month. Members agreed.

Mr. Hersh suggested 7:30 p.m. for future time of the meetings. Members agreed.

Mr. McKinley suggested rotation of places for meetings to be held.

Mr. Russell suggested Crestview be omitted from the rotation list due to the long drive members would have to make. Recommended the meetings be held at a set place rather than rotating the meeting place. Members agreed and decided upon the Courthouse Annex.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 16, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in the New Conference Room, Courthouse Annex, Shalimar, Florida.

Mr. Arnold recommended notification of meetings to members in some form (Memorandum or telephone) be used as a remainder for each meeting.

Mr. Fetner suggested that in order to insure continuity and continuance of the Council, if a representative from a City or County can not attend meetings on a regular basis due to various conflicts, someone else be named by the City's Council or the Board of County Commissioners to represent the entity.

Discussion was held on Disaster Preparedness.

Mr. Fetner stated their city chapter designated the Mayor as the one in charge in case of a disaster within the City of Niceville. Questioned if this was correct.

Mr. Russell stated the Florida Statutes as designating the Civil Defense as being the one in over-all charge.

Mr. Russell spoke highly of the joint effort between the northern section and southern section of the County on the train derailment.

Mr. Hersh stated there were some 32 different agencies who gave assistance (food, manpower, etc.) during the disaster.

Discussion was held on the problems the press caused at the train derailment and the need for restrictions being placed.

Discussion was held on the exchange of information on studies completed by various Municipalities and the County which could be beneficial to others who presently need the studies done for their entity or will need them done in the future. Example: T. V. Cable, Unionization of employees, Landfill Operations, Water and Sewer, Etc.

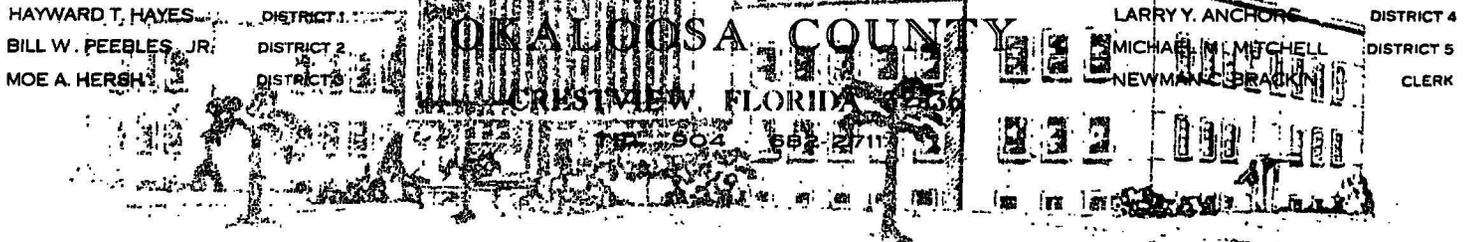
Mr. Hersh stated he would send a copy of the topics and brief explanation of each topic that he discussed earlier in the meeting.

Colonel Burkett questioned if the Council would be working with a prepared agenda.

Mr. McKinley stated yes. A copy would be sent to each member.

There were no further discussions. The Council adjourned.

# Board of County Commissioners



Informal Council of Governments Meeting  
April 18, 1979  
Problems common to all local governments

1. Traffic Circulation - Eglin Parkway and U.S. Highway 98 move traffic through several of the local areas. Solving traffic problems require cooperative efforts from all corporate jurisdictions. Traffic problems require an intergovernmental approach.
2. Protection of our natural resources - i.e., our beaches. Our natural amenities provide the attraction for tourists. Maintaining this environment requires intergovernmental cooperation. If these amenities are not protected, the reason why people visit and decide to live here will be gone. Miami is a good example where the beaches were destroyed. As a result, Miami has a net out-migration problem.
3. Industrial development - Requires an intergovernmental approach. The County, along with the Municipalities, should "get together" and present a united front in the area of economic development. The informal Council might be of great benefit here.
4. Public Relations - The informal Council might work with area Chamber of Commerce in their effort to publicize this area. For example, a letter was recently sent to Florida Trend Magazine asking that they do a feature story on Okaloosa County.
5. Disaster Preparedness - The recent L&N derailment near Crestview suggests that (a) more complete disaster preparedness plans should be formalized, and (b) the role of Civil Defense and the Law Enforcement Officials should be clarified. Cooperation between civil defense and law enforcement personnel both in the County and the various Cities is necessary so that all governmental jurisdictions can work together for the common good when a disaster strikes.

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6. Airports - (Destin and Crestview airports in particular) - Cooperation between Cities and County in the effort to obtain state funds for these airports for the purpose of promoting tourist air traffic would be of economic benefit.

7. Solid Waste Disposal - Land shortages are becoming critical. There is a specific shortage of high ground in the Coastal portion of Okaloosa County, such that utilizing available land for sanitary land fill will be a problem in the future. Other methods of waste disposal need to be considered, such as incineration. Both Eglin, the County and all the Cities are effected by this. Therefore, cooperation between all governmental entities is necessary.

8. Conserving Energy - Energy conservation will probably start at the local level. Each local government should work together on this problem, in conjunction with regional and State agencies. If we do not do this, the federal government may force their policies on us.

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March 5, 1979

The Honorable James Kendrick, Mayor  
Town of Cinco Bayou  
P. O. Drawer 1710  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Dear Mayor:

In the interest of developing closer cooperation between the various Municipalities and the County, it is proposed that an informal intergovernmental council be formed.

This group, consisting of an elected official from each Municipality and the County, would have the advantage of discussing common problems that effect the entire area.

Your support of this council will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Moe A. Hersh, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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April 2, 1979

Honorable Jim Kendrick, Mayor  
Town of Cinco Bayou  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida

Dear Jim:

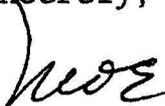
The Board of County Commissioners of Okaloosa County takes pleasure in hosting the first meeting of the intergovernmental council for Okaloosa County.

This meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. April 18, 1979 in the new conference room in the Shalimar Courthouse Annex, Shalimar, Florida.

Please advise your representative to this council of this meeting.

I believe that these meetings will prove beneficial and provide for insight and understanding to mutual problems.

Sincerely,

  
MOE A. HERSH

Chairman

OKALOOSA COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REPORT OF MEETING WITH FWB COUNCIL RELATIVE TO SENIOR CITIZENS BLDG

For the past many years, the Senior Citizens Club in Fort Walton Beach has been organized and meeting in facilities furnished by Fort Walton Beach. Of late, it has been in the building on Hollywood. The only cost to the individuals has been a very small dues imposed upon themselves for (Birthday Gifts, Flowers at Death, etc.) about a dollar per year.

Last year, Fort Walton Beach received grant money and constructed a very nice \$353,000.00 building on the back of Seabreeze Park that is located on the south end of Memorial Parkway.

Because of the operation and upkeep of the new building plus the employment of a program director there has to be some way to accumulate funds to meet this approximate \$25,000 expense. Hence the assessment of membership dues to members who live outside Fort Walton Beach. It is proposed these dues be \$6.00 per single member per month and \$8.00 per month for a married couple. The visitors who come from the north during the winter months would be assessed at a rate in excess of those from areas of the County.

Dr. Houghton, a Fort Walton Beach Councilman, called this meeting of representatives of FWB Recreation Department, Shalimar, Mary Esther, Cinco Bayou and the County. It was his wish that the Town of Shalimar, Mary Esther, Cinco Bayou and the County could arrange to pay a part of the dues for members from their town. The schedule would be \$3.00 the first year, \$2.00 the second year, \$1.00 the third year and the member would pay the total dues the fourth year and thereafter.

Dr. Houghton ask the representatives to discuss this plan with the Town and County officials and bring their approval back to a meeting scheduled for May 10, 1979.

REPORT FOR MONTH OF MARCH FOR APRIL COUNCIL MEETING

Utility Tax from Gulf Power for J. M. Fields Electrical Account (see attached note). Gulf Power, Jacksonville, Florida, will send a letter at the end of April or early May explaining in more detail the circumstances.

Called attention to Rough Draft of first part of Comprehensive Plan. Balance of plan should be finished within the next two months.

Called attention to the Mid-Year Budget breakdown reflecting projected versus actual revenue and expense.

Announced receipts of Ad Valorem Taxes revenue had fallen short about \$3,000.

Reported that a copy of County 1978-79 Budget was available for review.

Announced the quarterly meeting of the Okaloosa County League of Cities would be held Thursday, April 26 at Holiday Inn, Crestview will contact for reservations.

Telephone call from Joe Engal relative to Utility Taxes from J. M. Fields. While under bankruptcy: July, August & September were billed for electrical and the 10% tax was added and paid to Cinco as usual. When bills are mailed Gulf Power pays Cinco the tax even though not allocated. We received the checks in August, September and October. On October 2, the court put them under Trustees and the Gulf Power bills have been mailed to the Trustees and they have been paying and we have been receiving the Tax. The Court told Gulf Power to file their claims which they did and the bankruptcy Court said Fields did not have to pay for the services for that three months period. Total amount of taxes paid Cinco was \$2549. Gulf Power plans now to withhold paying Cinco any taxes until the amount due exceeds the \$2549 plus over paid.

# Okaloosa County League of Cities

April 17, 1979

Honorable Jim Kendrick, Mayor  
Town of Cinco Bayou  
P. O. Drawer 1710  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32548

Dear Mayor Kendrick:

The Okaloosa County League of Cities Quarterly Meeting will be held Thursday, April 26, 1979, at the Holiday Inn, Crestview, with the City of Crestview as the host city.

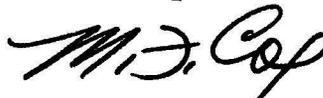
Arrangements have been made as follows:

6:30 P.M.	Open Bar
7:00 P.M.	Buffet Dinner
8:00 P.M.	Meeting

We are looking forward to seeing you and all the Town of Cinco Bayou officials on this date.

Please R.S.V.P. the number planning to attend from your town by Tuesday, April 24, 1979.

Sincerely,



M. F. COX, MAYOR  
City of Crestview

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REPLY TO MAYOR M. F. COX  
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# Cinco Bayou to Seek Sea Level of Buildings

By JEAN STREETMAN

*Daily News Staff Writer*

Cinco Bayou town council members, continuing in their plans to acquire federal flood insurance, were told by a local insurance agent Thursday that most of the town probably would be ranked as relatively safe from flooding.

Mayor Jim Kendrick asked City Manager-Clerk Kenneth Espy to check with the Fort Walton Beach Building Department and county builders to find out how high above sea level a building's floor must be.

At Espy's invitation, V.R. Pelham, insurance agent with Lindsey & Pelham Insurance Agency Inc., spoke before the council and presented Fort Walton Beach's flood map showing white and blue areas.

"It looks like to me that 90 percent of Cinco Bayou would fall into the white area," Pelham said. This is the area with the lowest (least risky) insurance rating, according to Espy.

Flood insurance is an additional policy that Cinco Bayou has never had. It takes care of "rising water," which other homeowners' insurance policies do not cover, according to Espy.

According to Espy, Cinco Bayou wrote a flood insurance ordinance a year ago and sent it to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (in Atlanta). Somehow, Espy said, "it stopped there."

"We have to be approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development," Espy said.