

SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL Mayor Laginess
 Councilwoman Buchanan
 Councilman Davis
 Councilwoman Dumka
 Councilman Gage
 Councilman Skelly

REGULAR BUSINESS

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3. Town Engineer Position
4. Laguna Landing Development
5. Curb Repairs
6. Project Cheer

COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS/COMMENTS

PUBLIC REQUESTS WILL BE HEARD AT THIS TIME

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CORRESPONDENCE

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2. Ltr, Okaloosa County Planning Dept - Contract
3. Ltr, AF Armament Museum - State Financial Aid
4. Ltr, Ocean City/Wright FD - Inspections
5. Ltr, Florida LOC - Mandates Proposal
6. Ltr, Okaloosa LOC - Mandates Proposal
7. Ltr, J. Etheredge - Variance Request

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

TOWN OF CINCO BAYOU
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 1988

Mayor Laginess called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

SILENT PRAYER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL Present: Mayor Laginess
Councilwoman Buchanan
Councilman Davis
Councilwoman Dumka
Councilman Gage

NOTE: Prior to the meeting being called to order, Mrs Buchanan and Mrs Dumka were given to Oath of Office by Attorney McInnis. Mr. Skelly was absent.

Also Present: Attorney McInnis Manager Borchik
Secretary Kelley Alan Ficarra
Victor Bowman Carolyn Pendleton
Steve Jernigan Randy Stokes
Charles Clary Sam Blimling
Jeff Prescott

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Minutes - October 5, October 11, October 18, October 24, 1988 Councilman Davis made a motion to accept the minutes for the October meetings as presented, seconded by Councilman Gage. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Town Hall Building Architectural Proposals - Mayor Laginess asked Attorney McInnis to explain the procedure that would be followed for the selection of an Architect to design a new Town Hall and Council Chambers for the Town. Each of the Architects present would be given five (5) minutes to make their presentation to the Council outlining their qualifications and experience with similar construction projects. Following presentations by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Clary, Mr. Stokes, Mr. Prescott and Mr. Jernigan, Attorney McInnis again reviewed the selection procedure and suggested that the Council rank the presenters and through a motion, determine the order for contract negotiation. Councilman Gage began a motion but was interrupted by Councilman Davis who stated that he had started to make a motion. Councilman Gage yielded to Councilman Davis. Councilman Davis then made a motion to negotiate with the architects in the following order: Stokes first, Jernigan second and Prescott third. Councilwoman Buchanan seconded the motion. Following a short discussion, the motion was unanimously approved on a roll call vote. Mr. Stokes was asked to return for negotiations. After a short discussion,

2. (Cont) Mr. Stokes indicated that his contract price would be \$ 6,950.00 with the following schedule: 30 days for schematic drawings, 30 days for design development and 30 days for construction documents. Councilwoman Buchanan made a motion to request Mr. Stokes to prepare a contract including a fee of \$ 6,950.00 as discussed based around an estimated completion of the design phase and preparation of documents ready for bidding in approximately 90 days, seconded by Councilwoman Dumka. The motion was unanimously approved. Attorney McInnis will review the contract prior to the Mayor signing it.

3. Town Engineer Position - Following a short discussion and a review of the resumes submitted, Councilman Gage made a motion to ask representatives from Choctaw Engineering, Baskerville Donovan and Ingram Engineering to appear before the Council for interviews, seconded by Councilwoman Dumka. The motion was unanimously approved. It was decided that each would have 15 minutes for their interview/presentation and the meeting would be scheduled for November 7, 1988 at 6 PM.

4. Laguna Landing Development - Mayor advised the Council that the "Cuco's" building is still "sound", however, the open structure is continuing to deteriorate and may be "beyond repair" in the next 30 to 60 days. Following a short discussion, it was decided to schedule a Public Hearing for 6 PM on December 6, 1988 for the purpose of considering the condemnation of the "Cuco's" building. In response to the Town Manager's request for guidance concerning the building, Councilman Gage made a motion to allow the developer to continue construction of the Cuco's building according to the original plans and specifications. Construction other than this would require Council review and approval. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Buchanan and unanimously approved. Councilwoman Buchanan made a motion for a Public Hearing to be conducted on the first Tuesday in December for the purpose of continuing condemnation proceedings for the Cuco's building in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 125, seconded by Councilman Gage. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Curb Repairs - An estimate for the repair of curbing along Kidd Street and Andalusia Street was received from Quatre. Councilman Davis made a motion to accept Quatre's proposal to repair the curbs, seconded by Councilman Gage. The motion was unanimously approved. Following a discussion concerning the repair of the present flume type curb versus the construction of the standard 6 inch high back curb, Councilman Gage made a motion to delay any curb repair until an engineer is hired, can review the damaged curb and make a recommendation to the Council on which type of curbing to install, seconded by Councilman Davis. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Project Cheer - Councilwoman Dumka made a motion to give \$ 50.00 to support Project Cheer 1988, seconded by Councilman Gage. The motion was unanimous.

COUNCILMEMBERS REPORTS/COMMENTS - Councilman Davis indicated that he had received complaints concerning the use of fishing nets in the bayou's. Although all agreed that netting removes all fish, there was no action on this item.

PUBLIC REQUESTS WILL BE HEARD AT THIS TIME - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Administrative Committee - No Report
2. Finance & Budget Committee - No Report
3. Comprehensive Plan Committee - Revised copies of the corrected elements have not been received to date.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter, DAV - Veterans Day Ceremonies. Councilwoman Dumka agreed to attend and place the wreath during these ceremonies.
2. Letter, Okaloosa County Planning Dept - Contract. Additional information was requested before any action can be taken.
3. Letter, AF Armament Museum - State Financial Aid. No Action
4. Letter, Ocean City/Wright FD - Inspections. Noted
5. Letter, Florida LOC - Mandates Proposal. Councilman Gage stated that this topic had been discussed and supported during the recent Okaloosa League of Cities Executive meeting and the Town will soon have petition blanks to be completed and returned to the Secretary of State.
6. Letter, Okaloosa LOC - Mandates Proposal. See above comments.
7. Letter, J. Etheredge - Variance Request. Councilman Davis made a motion to retain the present sign ordinance without change, seconded by Councilwoman Dumka. The motion was unanimously approved. Councilman Davis made a motion to deny the request for a variance, seconded by Councilwoman Dumka. The motion was unanimously approved.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Construction has begun on the lot located at 97 Yacht Club Drive. Placement of the driveway and garage appears to require the removal of two large hardwood trees, each approximately 12 inches in diameter, one of which is on the right-of-way.
2. The Town Clean-up is scheduled for November 13 through November 19, 1988. A notice has been delivered to all homes and businesses giving the dates and locations of the dumpsters.
3. The "Say No To Drugs" task force has asked the Town to purchase a flag for \$29.95 to support their efforts on drug control. The Council was not in favor of this purchase.
4. Monthly Planners for 1989 have been ordered for the Mayor, Council, Town Attorney and Town Manager.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - Mayor Laginess reminded everyone of the Town Thanksgiving Dinner for Tuesday, November 15, 1988.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.



Mayor

Attest:



Town Manager/Clerk

NOTE: A mechanical recording has been made of the foregoing proceedings of which these minutes are a part and is on file in the Office of the Town Manager/Clerk.



10/26/88 NCS

FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.

Memorandum

IMPORTANT ACTION NOTICE

TO: All Elected Officials
Member Municipalities/Charter Counties

FROM: Raymond C. Sittig, Executive Director
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

DATE: October 24, 1988

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE/CITIZEN SUPPORT FOR MANDATES PROPOSAL

The Board of Directors of the Florida League of Cities has approved a parallel or "dual" strategy to help ensure that the citizens of Florida will have an opportunity, one way or another, to vote on a proposed Constitutional Amendment to limit or prevent unfunded mandatory programs from being placed on city or county governments.

Our first effort, outlined on the attached blue sheet, will be to encourage each candidate and each legislator to agree to support this "legislative" proposal. We believe this proposal, using this procedure, is the most appropriate path to follow because there is much more opportunity to be flexible in the legislative process. We are coordinating our efforts through each of your regional or local leagues, and our goal is to secure support from each member of the state Legislature and each candidate for those seats. In the event there are some who are unwilling to sign, we would like to know who they are, and their reasons, so we might be able to provide them with more information and a better understanding of the problem.

Meanwhile, a parallel effort will be conducted to secure signatures through a citizens' petition drive by using the attached white sheet. Arrangements are underway to man petition-signing opportunities at selected precincts on November 8 (Election Day). The petition drive will continue until the close of the 1989 Legislative Session, at which time the legislative proposal - if any - will be evaluated to determine the necessity of continuing to collect citizens' petitions.

During the recently completed FLC annual convention, the membership enthusiastically supported these proposals and nearly 1,000 persons signed the citizens' petition.

MEMO

October 24, 1988

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The law requires the establishment of a Political Action Committee (PAC) to report contributions and expenditures on behalf of any citizens' petition to amend the state constitution. Contributions to this effort may be made by check to: Home Rule Committee, P.O. Box 1757, Tallahassee, FL 32302-1757.

In the interim, the League was authorized to make a contribution to the PAC in order to commence operations. This will allow the PAC to take advantage of the General Election Day large voter turnout to collect signatures.

Each addressed official is urged to:

- 1) Sign and return the citizens' white petition form and encourage all your citizens to also sign (some cities are including petition forms in their mailings to their citizens);
- 2) Work directly with your local/regional league of cities to assist their efforts in securing signatures of state legislators and candidates (and thank them publicly for their support);
- 3) Encourage official efforts by your city, as well as all organizations in your community, to endorse and support the citizens' initiative proposal; and
- 4) Assist and encourage contributions to the Home Rule Committee. (Contributions must be made by check and contributions of \$100.00 or more must include the address of the contributor. The Attorney General has ruled that cities may contribute to public information campaigns such as this if there is a direct effect upon the municipal citizen. We believe a city contribution is authorized however, you should check with your city attorney.)

The Florida League of Cities has made a substantial commitment to resolving the problem of unfunded mandates. Please join in this effort. If we can help in any way, please let us know. The Home Rule Committee may be contacted at (904) 222-9684.

Attachments

P.S. A paid political ad by the Home Rule Committee will appear in the November issue of QUALITY CITIES magazine (inside back cover) and a full report on the mandates campaign will be reported in the December issue.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PETITION FORM

LIMITATION ON LEGISLATIVE MANDATES

5 - It is unlawful for any person to knowingly sign a petition or petitions for a particular issue or candidate more than one time. Person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

I am a registered voter and hereby petition the Secretary of State to place the following Amendment to the Florida Constitution on the ballot in the next general election held more than ninety days after this petition is filed with the Secretary of State.

NAME _____
(Please Print Your Name As It Appears On The Voting Roll.)

STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

ZIP _____ COUNTY _____ PRECINCT _____

_____ _____
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SIGNATURE DATE

Ballot title and summary:

LIMITATION ON LEGISLATIVE MANDATES

This amendment limits the power of the Legislature to enact statewide laws which require counties or municipalities to expend local monies to comply with new laws, unless the Legislature provides local governments with a new state source of revenue to fund compliance. New state funds must be in addition to all funds available from existing revenue sources to local governments when the law is passed. The amendment does not apply to laws affecting the judiciary.

Text of the Amendment:

The following new section is added to Article VII of the Florida Constitution:

Section 17. Laws Requiring Expenditure by Counties or Municipalities

The Legislature may not enact a general law if compliance with that law will require a county or municipality to spend local monies (which shall include all funds available from then existing revenue sources to counties or municipalities on the date the law is enacted), unless the Legislature provides adequate state monies to fund the cost of compliance with the law. This provision shall not apply to laws dealing with the judiciary.

Home Rule Committee • Post Office Box 1757 • Tallahassee, FL 32302-1757

PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT BY HOME RULE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The Florida State Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations has reported there were 223 unfunded mandates placed upon cities and counties in Florida since 1980. "Unfunded mandates" are governmental actions required of cities and counties by state law without adequate funding resources. Such actions have been described as similar to the "state writing checks out of the city/county checkbook".

During the 1988 Legislative Session nearly 100 members of the Legislature cosigned or supported a proposed Constitutional Amendment to limit the Legislature's ability to mandate programs and costs to city and county governments. This was an acceptable proposal, in our opinion, and also provided that, in matters of substantial state concern, such programs could be mandated to local governments by a 3/4 vote of both houses of the Legislature.

Unfortunately, this legislation was not adopted due to a series of procedural issues in the closing days of the session. We are again seeking a legislative solution to this serious problem because the Legislature can propose an amendment that encompasses more than one subject.

In the meantime, the membership of the FLC will also solicit support and signatures for a proposed constitutional amendment through the citizen petition process. This proposed amendment differs in some respects from the legislative proposal for a number of reasons including the "single subject" limitation. These are the only two avenues open for these matters to be presented to Florida's citizens for their consideration and vote.

We prefer the flexibility of the legislative process but we are equally committed to the petition process and will pursue both options with equal vigor in order that Florida citizens will have an opportunity to evaluate and vote on this issue in the 1990 general election.

A Constitutional Amendment is essential because a statutory provision, on the law books since 1978 is ineffective and non-binding.

Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Post Office Box 1757
Tallahassee, Florida 32302
(904) 222-9684

Proposed Joint Resolution No.

A joint resolution proposing the addition of Section 17 to Article VII of the State Constitution, relating to general laws that require a county or municipal government to expend existing state-shared revenues or revenues and receipts or that limit the ability of a county or municipal government to raise revenue or receive state revenue.

That the addition of the following Section 17 to Article VII of the State Constitution is hereby agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election to be held in November, 1990.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 17. Laws requiring an expenditure of county or municipal revenues and receipts or limiting the ability of such a government to raise revenue or receive state revenue.--

(a) The legislature may not enact, amend, or repeal a general law if the effect of doing so would be to require a county or municipal government to expend monies from state-shared revenue sources existing as of February 1, 1989, or revenues and receipts raised from its own sources, unless such law is approved by three-fourths of the membership of each house of the legislature and is enacted in response to an overwhelming state interest.

(b) Criminal laws and laws adopted to require funding of pension benefits existing at the time of the enactment of this amendment are exempt from the requirements of paragraph (a).

(c) The legislature may not enact, amend, or repeal any general law if the effect of doing so would be to abolish, limit, or reduce the aggregate authority of county or municipal governments to raise revenue, as such authority exists on February 1, 1989, or would be to abolish, limit, or reduce aggregate state revenues that county or municipal governments are receiving as of February 1, 1989.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be placed on the ballot:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

ARTICLE VII, SECTION 17

LAWS AFFECTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES OR ABILITY TO RAISE REVENUE OR RECEIVE STATE REVENUE.--Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to prohibit general laws that require a county or municipal government to expend state-shared and locally raised revenues and receipts, except upon a three-fourths vote of each house, or that limit the ability of such governments to raise revenue or receive state revenue. Exempts criminal laws and laws funding existing pension benefits from three-fourths vote.

THIS PROPOSAL IS BEING OFFERED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. TO LIMIT THE PASSAGE OF UNFUNDED MANDATORY PROGRAMS AND EXPENDITURES ON CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE ARE HEREBY REQUESTED TO SUPPORT AND CO-SPONSOR THE PASSAGE OF THIS PROPOSAL AT THE 1989 SESSION.

"I HEREBY PLEDGE MY SUPPORT FOR THIS PROPOSAL AND WILL WORK FOR ITS ADOPTION IN THE 1989 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE."

SIGNATURE
(As Co-Sponsor)

District

(Statement of Position on Reverse.)

QUATRE INC.

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DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION

P.O. BOX 1030
FORT WALTON BEACH
FLORIDA 32549-1030
904/243-3981

October 17, 1988

Mr. Albert Borchik
Township of Cinco Bayou
35 Kelly Av
Ft. Walton Bch, Florida 32548

RE: NEW CURBS
KIDD STREET & ANDALUSIA STREET

Quatre Inc. will furnish all labor, materials and equipment to complete new curbs at:

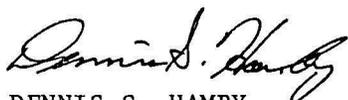
East Side of Kidd Street to Cinco Baptist Church property -
Approx. 165 LF

East Side of Andalusia Street - Approx 70 LF @ Patrick property
and West Side Approx 68 LF with 16'w x 5'w - 6" deep drive
@ manhole.

All work to include removal of existing concrete, trimming asphalt and hauling to landfill.

Kidd Street	\$ 1,551.00
Andalusia Street	<u>1,441.00</u>
TOTAL COST	\$ 2,992.00

This price does not include any costs for bonds. Proposal good for 30 days.


DENNIS S. HAMBY
Secty/Treasurer

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PLAYGROUND CHAPTER 72, INC.
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
P.O. BOX 2275
FT. WALTON BEACH, FL 32549



October 11, 1988

Honorable Mayor
Town of Cinco Bayou
35 Kelly Avenue
Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548

The Disabled American Veterans, Playground Chapter 72, will host the annual Veterans Day Ceremonies at Beal Memorial Cemetery on Friday, November 11, 1988.

We cordially extend to you, your organization, and families an invitation to participate with us in these ceremonies honoring all veterans who have unselfishly given themselves in service to our great nation.

In order that appropriate homage be paid to the deceased veterans who were members of your organization, we respectfully request that, at your earliest convenience, you forward to us a "ROLL CALL" listing the names of those veterans who have expired since November 11, 1987, our last ceremony. Beginning with Memorial Day of last year, we asked, for the sake of convenience and accuracy, to have our cut off date for names of the deceased to be mailed in 15 days before the ceremony takes place.

As in the past, it is customary at these ceremonies for the organizations to place a floral wreath at the memorial. If your organization desires to participate in this function, please advise accordingly. It should be noted that the persons designated by you to place the wreath should be in place no later than 10:45 A.M. All others should arrive prior to 11:00 A.M.

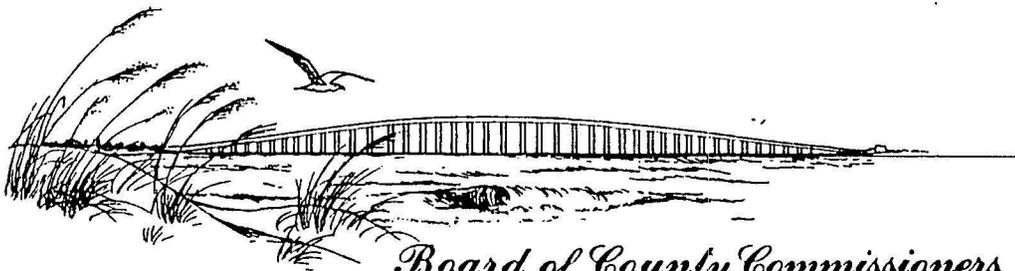
In order to establish our agenda and listing of participating persons and organizations, please reply to the above address as soon as possible to indicate your desires and intentions.

Respectfully,

Herman Schenmaker

for
William R. Patterson
Commander
Phone 862-9215

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Board of County Commissioners

County Seat

Crestview, Florida 32536

Tel. (904) 682-2711

Okaloosa County Planning Dept.
10 First Ave. (Ocean City)
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

*Okaloosa County
Florida*

Annex

Pthalimar, Florida 32579

Tel. (904) 651-3710

Tel. (904) 863-5257
SUNCOM 699-1545

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Chief Elected Officials of Okaloosa County Municipalities
Comprehensive Plan Committee Members
Planning and Zoning Commissioners
County Commissioners
John Dowd, County Attorney
Dave Heinrich, Director, Public Works

FROM: D. Collier Houston, Director, Planning Department

Collier

RE: Contracts to complete all ten Comprehensive Plans.

DATE: October 10, 1988

In the near future we will be negotiating a Contract with Barrett Daffin and Carlan Inc. and Fray Municipal Services to complete the work on all ten of the required Comprehensive Plans.

We request that each of you consider the needs that you may have for inclusion in these contracts. Such as, how many visits to your various meetings, how many copies of the drafts, copies of the final product, etc.

The County has selected Fray Municipal Services (Mr. Bill Fray) to assist all of us in preparing the Capital Improvements Elements. Their firm was selected because they are the financial advisers for the county and some of the cities as well as Bridge Authority, etc. Mr. Fray will be contacting all of the municipalities and the county in the near future to discuss the needs of each local government with finance officers and others working with budgets and finances.

Please Address Reply To:

Contracts
October 10, 1988

This matter will be on the agenda for the next Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting on October 26, 1988 at 2:00 P.M. at the Niceville City Hall. Please contact us if you have any questions. Also, please feel free to contact Mr. John Brock or Mr. Bill Fray.

cc: John Brock, Barrett Daffin and Carlan, Inc.
Bill Fray, Fray Municipal Services
2100 Lee Road
Suite C
Winter Park, FL 32789
Tel: (305) 629-6700

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10/18/88
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AIR FORCE ARMAMENT MUSEUM FOUNDATION

Serving to strengthen the Air Force Armament Museum

100 Museum Drive
Eglin Air Force Base, FL 32542-1497

Tel. 904/651-1808, 882-4189
AV 872-4189

October 17, 1988

(List of addressees attached)

My dear good friends:

As Chairman of the Board of the Air Force Armament Museum Foundation, it is my privilege to request your assistance in obtaining state financial aid for the Museum through the State Legislature. This request is for a substantial contribution to help provide a sorely needed addition to the present Museum facility. We have outgrown the available space in a much shorter time than was deemed possible when the Museum was built, and there is now an urgent requirement to double the space available for exhibits and other historical artifacts and endeavors. We are contacting the members of the State House and Senate who represent Okaloosa County.

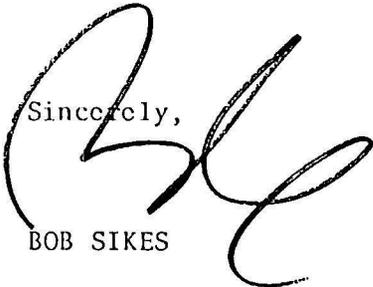
No state funds have been utilized in the construction of the present facility. By way of background, the State Legislature provided a \$300,000 grant in 1979. However, because other financial endeavors progressed slowly, these funds were not released to the Museum Board but were used for purposes unrelated to the construction of the Air Force Armament Museum. Subsequently, this Foundation raised \$1.2 million in private and corporate donations and constructed a 28,000 square foot facility. No federal or state funds were used in this endeavor.

The Armament Museum is the only facility in the United States dedicated to the display of Air Force armament. The Museum provides a history of weaponry in our Air Force, and it serves to educate the public, excite pride in our country's accomplishments, magnify the prestige of the Air Force as a peacekeeper, and motivate our youth. Since the Museum opened in 1985, over one-third of a million people have visited the facility.

Space now available in the present facility is inadequate for storage, restoration, and exhibition of many valuable aircraft, weapons, and related artifacts. For this reason, many of these are on exhibition on the Museum grounds; and, consequently, these historic treasures are deteriorating. It is imperative that we expand the size of this facility in order to protect these historic artifacts. They are the tools of war which played a major role in the evolution of the Air Force as an essential keeper of the peace.

We are now asking that you approve a resolution requesting each of our State Senators and Representatives to help provide a state grant of one million dollars. I will welcome your suggestions about other steps we should take. And, above all, I sincerely hope we will have your active support.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

BOB SIKES

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A D D R E S S E E S

Board of County Commissioners
Okaloosa County Courthouse
Crestview FL 32536

Cinco Bayou Town Council
Town Hall
35 Kelly Ave.
Ft. Walton Beach FL 32548

Crestview City Council
City Hall
South Wilson Street
Crestview FL 32536

Destin City Council
City Hall
100 East U.S. 98
Destin FL 32541

Ft. Walton Beach City Council
City Hall
107 Miracle Strip Parkway
Ft. Walton Beach FL 32548

Laurel Hill City Council
City Hall
Laurel Hill FL 32567

Crestview Chamber of Commerce
502 S. Main Street
Crestview FL 32536

Destin Chamber of Commerce
1021 E. Highway 98
Destin FL 32541

Mary Esther City Council
City Hall
195 Christobal Road
Mary Esther FL 32569

Niceville City Council
City Hall
208 N. Partin Drive
Niceville FL 32578

Shalimar City Council
City Hall
2 Cherokee Road
Shalimar FL 32579

Ft. Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce
34 S.E. Miracle Strip Parkway
Ft. Walton Beach FL 32548

Niceville-Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce
170 N. John C. Sims Parkway
Niceville FL 32578

10/25/88



Mental Health Association in Okaloosa County

POST OFFICE BOX 505

FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA 32549

Project Cheer

Dear Friends,

For most of us, the holiday season is a time of family and friends getting together...of being remembered by others...of opportunities to give and receive. However, it is a particularly desolate time for many of the patients in our state and local mental health facilities. Some persons are sadly neglected by families and friends. Many have no contact with the world they used to be a part of.... they are deeply depressed, and because of this, their recovery is slowed.

That is why the Mental Health Association in Okaloosa County conducts PROJECT CHEER-CHRISTMAS every year, and why so many of you give so generously to this program. PROJECT CHEER provides activities and personal Christmas gifts for people from our area who are patients at Florida State Hospital in Chattahoochee, along with members of the Geriatric Residential Treatment System (GRTS) in Crestview and the Adult Residential Treatment System (ARTS) in Fort Walton Beach.

The Christmas party at Florida State Hospital will be on December 10th; the GRTS and ARTS parties the following week. Entertainment, cake, ice cream, cookies, fresh fruit and favors, individual gifts, gifts for the unit or home, love and care will all be a part of PROJECT CHEER.

Many of you have graciously helped in the past. Please, will you do so again this year? Your kindness will brighten the holidays for many lonely patients who would not otherwise be remembered. Any contributions that you or your group can make will be appreciated. A list is attached to give you an idea of what is needed.

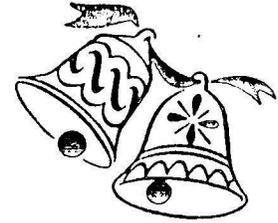
Please drop us a note or call 244-1040 to say you will be a part of PROJECT CHEER-CHRISTMAS.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Owens

Thomas R. Owens, Chairman
Project Cheer-Christmas

SUGGESTED GIFTS FOR PROJECT CHEER 1988
(new and unwrapped)



FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Ditty bags to be filled with candy, etc.
Home-baked cakes and cookies; candy and fresh fruit
Cans of punch, juice, and soft drinks; paper cups, plates, napkins

GIFTS FOR MEN

Warm caps; hair cream, shaving cream and lotion (in plastic bottles)
Slippers, socks, undershorts, T-shirts, pajamas, robes, sport shirts, slacks
Belts, electric razors, wallets, stationery and stamps; books

GIFTS FOR WOMEN

Jewelry; make-up, compacts, powder, perfume (plastic bottles), purses, gloves
Warm caps, slippers, nightgowns, pajamas, slips, panties, blouses, sweaters, robes
stationery and stamps; books

FOR THE UNIT AND RESIDENTIAL HOMES (these items do not have to be new)

Exercise; bicycles; indoor and outdoor games; holiday decorations
Weights (for exercise, weight-trimming); small suitcases; twin bedspreads
Artificial flower arrangements; kitchen utensils; coffee maker, ice cream maker
Radios, popcorn poppers, TV sets; record players, records and tapes
Dress materials; patterns; assorted arts and craft materials

DEADLINE: Wednesday, December 7th

Donations may be brought to the MHA office at 212 Hospital Drive, Fort Walton Beach (mornings) or deposited in Project Cheer boxes which will be placed in various locations around the middle of November. For pick-up, call the office, 244-1040.

For more information call:

Jane Strickland at the MHA office, 244-1040, 9-1, M-F (or leave message on machine) --- home phone: 862-7695

Tom Owens, 243-7990

Mary Wilson, 651-5994

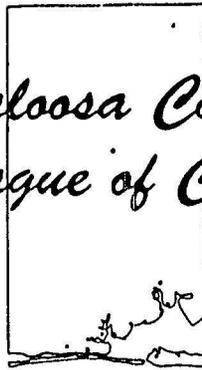
Cash donations are also welcome. If you are unable to buy gifts, our volunteers will shop for you. Please designate your check for PROJECT CHEER and make it payable to MHA/OC, P. O. Box 505, Fort Walton Beach, Florida 32549.

Whatever you can do will be greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU!

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Okaloosa County Cities

FROM: Bill Phillips, President, Okaloosa County League of
Cities *Bill Phillips*

DATE: October 26, 1988

SUBJECT: "Stop Unfunded State Mandates Campaign"

As a follow-up to the Florida League of Cities statewide campaign that would stop State mandates without funding, I have given a copy of the "blue" sheet to each candidate and each legislator to encourage them to agree to support this "legislative" proposal. Vince Bruner, Dana Matthews and Robert Harden have signed the proposed joint resolution. Bill Jennings was unwilling to sign, and his reason for not signing is attached. The Honorable Ted Mathis, Mayor of the City of Crestview, will get a copy of the "blue" sheet to the legislators and his respective opponent for the north portion of the county.

We all must work together to stop State mandates without appropriate funding resources -- "State writing checks out of the City/County checkbook." This will be the Florida League of Cities' number one priority for the next legislative session. We believe the legislative process is the best to follow since there is much more opportunity to be flexible. However, a parallel effort also will be conducted to secure signatures through a citizens' petition drive. The petition drive will continue until the close of the 1989 legislative session, at which time the legislative proposal -- if any -- will be evaluated to determine the necessity of continuing to collect citizens' petitions.

Please publicly thank our State legislator and candidates who have signed their "blue" sheets and have shown their support for this program. Let's continue to work together, aggressively. We must each make a personal commitment to resolve the problem of unfunded mandates so that we may continue to maintain strong Home Rule for our constituents.

cc: Florida League of Cities
Board of County Commissioners

BILL JENNINGS FOR STATE SENATOR

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October 26, 1988

Mr. Bill Phillips

Dear Bill:

I have on two or three occasions stated that I believe it to be entirely irresponsible for the Legislature to mandate programs for local government without either providing the funds or ensuring that local governments have the means to acquire those funds. That is and will remain my position.

In regard to the proposed constitutional amendment which you provided me last week, I am unable to research and study all of its consequences and ramifications at this time due to the hectic time schedule of this campaign. Generally speaking, however, I do not favor amending the constitution unless a problem cannot be solved through less drastic means. I don't know whether this problem can be solved without such an amendment. But I certainly will carry strong advocacy for fiscal responsibility toward local government to the Florida Senate.

Sincerely yours,



BILL JENNINGS
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