

# William Allen Cathey

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## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

With over 30 years experience as a business owner, Al has managed and operated many successful business ventures. He is an established leader in the community and serves as a director of several organizations.

Al earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Communications/Public Relations with a minor in Business from the University of Southern Mississippi.

With a proven ability to accurately assess needs and predict growth, Al has used his business management skills to optimize several successful business investment opportunities.

## **EXPERIENCE:**

2005 – Present

**Mayor** *City of Mexico Beach, Mexico Beach, Florida*

In 2005 Al was elected to serve on the City Council for the City of Mexico Beach. This marks his second stint as Councilman, having served two terms during the mid 1980's. Shortly following the unexpected passing of the elected Mayor, Al was unanimously appointed by the Council to fill the vacant Mayoral seat. Since that time, he has run unopposed in subsequent elections.

1979 – Present

**Owner / General Manager** *Cathey's Ace Hardware, Mexico Beach, Florida*

A growing family owned retail business serving a diverse range of customers with a wide range of inventory in the Bay and Gulf county area. Cathey's Ace Hardware maintains a "small town" atmosphere catering to customer's needs.

### Responsibilities

- Inventory Control
- Business Development
- Accounts Receivable
- Accounts Payable
- Advertisement
- Personnel & Payroll
- Capital Expansion

*Cathey's Ace Hardware is a well-established business serving the community for more than three decades. Growth in the area and excellent leadership has positioned Cathey's Ace Hardware as the only local force in the market.*

1974 – 1978

**Personnel / Safety Director** *St. Joe Tel & Tel., Port St. Joe, Florida*

An established telecommunications company serving a large geographic region in the Florida Panhandle.

### Responsibilities

- Establish safety department & programs
- Write safety manual
- Bring company into OSHA compliance
- Conduct monthly safety meetings
- Safety documentation
- Recruiting
- Interviewing
- Hiring
- Managing human resource office

1972 - 1974

**Insurance Specialist/Auditor** *State of Florida, Tallahassee, FL*

1970 – 1972

**Math Teacher** *Port St. Joe High School, Port St. Joe, Florida*

## **RELATED EXPERIENCE:**

Present **Owner** *Mexico Beach Laundry, Mexico Beach, Florida*

1997 - Present **Owner / Developer** *LaSiesta Subdivision, Mexico Beach, Florida*  
30 lot/10 acre subdivision within the city limits of Mexico Beach.

1996 - 2001 **Owner/Developer** *Beachwalk, Mexico Beach, Florida*  
A resort clothing & gift store – sold after 5 successful years of business.

1990 - 1995 **Owner** *Howards Creek Country Mart, Howards Creek, Florida*  
A grocery/convenience store – sold after 5 successful years of business.

**CIVIC EXPERIENCE:**

2004 – Present    **Board of Directors**    *Vision Bank*  
2000 – 2004    **Board of Directors**    *Banktrust of Florida*  
1982 – 2000    **Board of Directors**    *Wewahitchka State Bank*  
1998 – 2006    **Board of Directors**    *Mexico Beach Community Development Council*  
                         Oversees direction of local bed tax dollars for the purpose of enhancing local tourism.  
1984 – 1988                    **Commissioner**    *City of Mexico Beach*  
Present                            Active member of the First United Methodist Church, Port St. Joe, Florida

**EDUCATION:**

1965 - 1970                    *University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi*  
   **B.S. in Communications/Public Relations w/ minor in Business**  
Class of 1965                    *Port St. Joe High School, Port St. Joe, Florida*

*References available upon request.*