

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: General Services Committee  
Community Services Committee

DATE: March 15. 2001

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Ulster County Office Building  
Legislature Chambers

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Tantillo, Donaldson, Busick, Every,  
(General Services) Noonan

(Community Services) Tipp, Santoro, Donaldson,  
Dunn, Hathaway, Loughran, Wilkins,

LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Bertone

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary McMickle, STOP DWI Program;  
Dorothy Martin, Real Property Tax Agency,  
Tom Turco, Harry Castiglione, Board of  
Elections; Barbara Applegate; Secretary

The joint meeting of the General Services Committee and the Community Services Committee was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. STOP DWI

Mary McMickle introduced the following resolutions.

(1) Continuation of Ulster County Sheriff Task Force Patrol Funding for Second half of 2001 - Authorizing Letter of Agreement in the amount of \$15,000.00

(2) Authorizing Chairman to Enter Into Agreement with Municipalities for STOP-DWI Task Force Patrols for Second Half of 2001 in the amount of \$41,460.00

(3) Amending the 2001 Ulster County Budget - Transfer of Funds - Ulster County STOP DWI in the amount of \$15,000.

Moved by Legislator Busick seconded by Legislator Noonan. All resolutions unanimously carried. (Legislators Tantillo, Donaldson, Busick, Every, Noonan all in favor).

## II. REAL PROPERTY

Dorothy Martin explained the STAR Program and CO-STAR Program to those present. The STAR Program allows for a reduction of school taxes for eligible senior citizens and is the first exemption that does not shift the tax burden onto other taxpayers.

The CO-STAR Program provides a State funded rebate to income eligible senior citizens and farmers to partially offset their county property taxes.

Dorothy also explained the equalization rates for veterans, and veterans exemptions.

All business being completed. Legislator Santoro moved and Legislator Every moved that the joint meeting of the General Services Committee and the Community Services Committee be adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

The General Services Committee reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

## III. BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Commissioners Turco and Castiglione presented the agenda.

The Village of Ellenville will hold elections March 20th. More villages want to hold their own elections, because it is too costly to have the County handle it.

Discussion on election reform. An effort is underway to make the election processes universal. It was suggested that a memorializing resolution to that effect should come from this committee.

The election commissioners will visit all Ulster County High Schools to register seniors to vote starting March 27th.

The Board of Elections now have the capability to put names of all registered voters on CD and Discs. There is no charge for this service.

All business being completed, Legislator Busick moved and  
Legislator Noonan seconded that meeting be adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fawn Tantillo, Chairman

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