

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: General Services Committee
DATE: January 14, 1998
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
PLACE: Ulster County Office Building
Conference Library
LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Felicello, Busick, Every, Gerentine,
Lent, Roberti, Bertone, Smith, Magarelli
OTHERS PRESENT: Herb Hekler, Planning, Bonnie Szpulecki,
Insurance Officer, Barbara Applegate,
Secretary

Chairman Felicello asked that department heads send a copy of their agenda to committee members a week before the meeting. After discussion it was decided that beginning in February, the meeting time would be changed to 5:30 p.m. and continue until May.

I. PLANNING

Herb Hekler presented the agenda.

Herb introduced a resolution to reappoint Ronald Oxendale, Town of Shandaken to Ulster County Planning Board, for the term 12/97 thru 12/2001, and appointing Elizabeth Foley as alternate. Copies of the Shandaken Planning Board's recommendation and resumes of the individuals were included. Moved by Legislator Busick, seconded by Legislator Bertone. Unanimously carried. (Legislators Felicello, Busick, Every, Gerentine, Lent, Roberti, Bertone, Smith and Magarelli all in favor).

Herb introduced a resolution to reappoint Richard Praetorius, Town of Saugerties to Ulster County Planning Board for the term 12/97 thru 12/2001, and appointing Michael North as alternate. Copies of Town of Saugerties Planning Board's recommendation and resumes of the individuals were included. Moved by Legislator Busick, seconded by Legislator Bertone. Unanimously carried. (Legislators Felicello, Busick, Every, Gerentine, Lent, Roberti, Bertone, Smith and Magarelli all in favor).

Herb introduced a resolution to amend Planning 1998 Budget as

follows:

- an increase in Expense Account AAA-3400-45-2-433-4553, "Other Miscellaneous Contractual Expenses" to \$4,100
- Create Revenue Account entitled "Grants" in the amount of \$2500.00.

Moved by Legislator Gerentine, Seconded by Legislator Busick, Unanimously carried. (Legislators Felicello, Busick, Every, Gerentine, Lent, Roberti, Bertone, Smith and Magarelli all in favor).

Herb report on UCRT operating results for 1997. Passengers were up 13%, revenue miles were up, fare revenue were up.

Herb distributed copies of a letter requesting UCRT buses for Woodstock Renaissance Faire, May 16-17. After discussion, Legislator Gerentine moved and Legislator Every seconded that buses be used for this event. Unanimously carried (Legislator Felicello, Busick, Every, Gerentine, Lent, Roberti, Bertone, Smith and Magarelli all in favor).

Herb reported UCRT buses were used for two recent emergency evacuations from nursing homes due to bomb threats.

UCRT has received approval from State DOT for \$500,450 for new buses for 1998-99. Herb will purchase two small buses and one large transit bus. State and federal funds will pay 90%, the county 10%.

Rental Housing Survey has been completed. There will be a public hearing on January s for HAD funds.

II. INSURANCE

Bonnie Szpulecki updated the committee on workers comp, and where the county is going in the next six months. Presently 39 fire districts are in the workers comp program, none of the fire districts will be withdrawing in 1998. 73 school districts are participating in workers comp.

Bonnie has been appointed Insurance Officer, effective Jan 1, 1998. Interviews are being conducted for a Deputy.

All business being completed, Legislator Bertone moved and Legislator Magarelli seconded that meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Felicello
Chairman

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