

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: General Services Committee

DATE: February 20, 1997

TIME: 7:15 PM

PLACE: Ulster County Office Building.
Library Conference Room

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Legislators Gerentine, Busick,
Cummings, Every, Roberti, Smith

LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislators Bertone, Magarelli and Spada

OTHERS PRESENT: Dorothy Martin, Real Property
Tax; Diane Johnson, Safety Office
Barbara Applegate, Secretary

Chairman Gerentine advised the committee that Legislator Roberti has been appointed Deputy Chairman of the General Services Committee. The Chairman also introduced Legislator Cummings as a member of the committee; and stated Legislator Frank Spada will also be on the committee.

I. REAL PROPERTY TAX AGENCY

Dorothy Martin presented the agenda.

Dorothy updated the committee on revals. Towns of Gardiner, Lloyd, Marlboro, New Paltz, Plattekill, Rosendale will be doing revals in 1997. Towns of Woodstock, Saugerties and Hurley, will be doing revals in 1998, possibly Marbletown, Ulster and City of Kingston will do revals in 1998. The City of Kingston is hesitatant because of the cost. RFP for Town of Rochester in 1999.

Dorothy discussed tentative equalization rates and school tax shifts due to the change in full value standard which will occur in districts for 1997-98 fiscal year.

Dorothy presented the STAR Program. The New State Land Payments Program was highlighted. This program abolishes current patchwork of Inequitable Programs (taxes on some lands, PILOTS on more, no payments on others).

Dorothy informed the committee that Jim Maloney has been appointed assessor in the Town of Ulster.

Copies of the 1996 Annual Report for Ulster County Real Property Tax Service Agency were distributed

Discussion was held regarding the county's senior exemption program. The committee members were given packets of information regarding this issue to study for discussion at a later date.

II. SAFETY OFFICE

Diane Johnson presented the agenda.

Diane informed the committee that the Safety Office had received a complaint of a gas leak in the "C" Building of the Ulster County Development Court on January 9th. The safety inspector responded to the call and took appropriate action. Many tests have been done since that time and there appears to be no problem with the air quality. However, the office continues to receive complaints. Diane will bring in an outside firm to perform further tests. She will continue to monitor the situation.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A discussion regarding filling the position of Director in the Real Property Tax Service Agency was held. Chairman Gerentine stated he was not chairman of the selection committee. As a member his recommendation would be that the most qualified person be chosen for the position.

Chairman Gerentine informed the committee Arlene Kerans sent him a Request to Fill Vacancy form for a full time account clerk typist position. This position has been budgeted.

Legislator Busick moved and Legislator Roberti seconded that meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Gerentine
Chairman