

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: General Services Committee  
DATE: February 26, 1996  
TIME: 7:00 PM  
PLACE: Legislative Conference Room  
LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Legislators Carle, Gerentine, Busick,  
Every, Roberti, Todd, Bertone, Magarelli,  
Smith  
OTHERS PRESENT: Priscilla McBride, Dorothy Martin,  
Real Property Tax Agency; Diane  
Johnson, Safety Officer; Barbara  
Applegate, Secretary

I. REAL PROPERTY TAX AGENCY

Priscilla McBride presented the agenda.

Priscilla introduced Dorothy Martin, Assistant Director, to the committee members.

Priscilla informed the committee she met with town assessors concerning the quality and cost of service received from information services in getting out the tax bills. A meeting will be held March 12th with Information Services and Majority Leader Sinagra to discuss these concerns.

Priscilla gave a brief overview of her agency to committee members.

Discussion on reval projects. Towns of Esopus will be completed in 1996. The town hired a contractor for the project. Town of Ulster will also be completed in 1996. Project was done in house. The town had not been done since 1976. The towns of Marlborough, New Paltz, Gardiner, Plattekill and Rosendale asked the county and state to be consolidated into one project. Four bids were received for this project. Assisting in Hurley, no date at this time for project completion.

Discussion on tentative equalization rates.

GIS Project update. A portion of digitization has been done by county, with a contractor in NY City using a \$25,000 grant received from NY City.

NYS reservoir valuation. There are four towns with property in

NYS reservoir area; New York City pays \$12 million in taxes, making them the number one tax payer.

Priscilla informed the committee of staff shortages in her department; personnel has gone from 16 to 11. Another full time employee is needed.

## II. SAFETY OFFICE

Diane gave the committee an overview of the functions and responsibilities of the Safety Office.

## III. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Carle asked Legislators Todd and Smith if the special committee to discuss putting the county tourism phone number on UCRT buses had a report. Committee has not met yet.

Chairman Carle gave the committee an update on status of bids received by self insurance for major portion of insurance policies. A bid conference will be held Feb 29th at 10 p.m. Any interested legislator may attend. RFP return is due March 11th. A discussion took place regarding the bidding process, how vendors are selected and the process of selection.

Chairman Carle has been advised by Herb Hekler that the Administrative Assistant in his office is on limited duty, and he will be needing another person. There is a possibility he may be submitting a transfer of funds shortly in the form of a late resolution.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terence G. Carle  
Chairman