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ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: General Services Committee  
DATE: January 29, 1996  
TIME: 6:45 PM  
PLACE: Legislative Conference Room  
LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Legislators Carle, Gerentine, Busick,  
Every, Roberti, Todd, Bertone, Magarelli,  
Smith (late)  
Legislator Noonon, visiting  
OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy Posnick, Insurance Department;  
Diane Johnson, Bob Hoose Safety Office;  
Herb Hekler, Planning

I. SAFETY OFFICE

Diane Johnson was introduced to the committee as the new Safety Officer for Ulster County. She will replace Bob Hoose who retired January 26th.

Diane introduced a resolution to transfer funds from contingency to line item AAA-3620-0-1001 in the amount of \$33,617.50 to cover amount of monies needed for payout benefit time for Bob Hoose. Moved by Legislator Carle, seconded by Legislator Bertone. No discussion. Unanimously carried (Legislators Carle, Gerentine, Busick, Every, Roberti, Todd, Bertone, Magarelli, all in favor).

Bob thanked all present for their help throughout his years with the county.

II. PLANNING DEPT.

Herb Hekler presented the agenda.

Herb advised the committee that the Planning Board Annual Report Draft was sent to each committee member. He gave the committee an overview of his activities for 1995.

Herb presented a resolution to re-appoint John Higgins as the representative from Town of Denning to the Ulster County Planning Board 1/96 thru 12/31/96. Moved by Legislator Every, seconded by Legislator Busick. No discussion. Unanimously carried. (Legislators Carle, Gerentine, Busick, Every, Roberti, Todd, Bertone, Magarelli, Smith all in favor).

Herb introduced a resolution for Ulster County to submit a request for Section 18 Annual Grant Application for \$103,000 federal aid for 1996 for Ulster County Rural Transportation. Moved by Legislator Gerentine, seconded by Legislator Bertone. No discussion. (Legislators Carle, Gerentine, Busick, Every, Roberti, Todd, Bertone, Magarelli, Smith all in favor) Unanimously carried.

Herb reported on UCRT Operations for 1995. There was an increase in riders, passengers and revenue miles for the year. Herb has received the contract from the state for three new buses.

Herb informed the committee he has received a request for a route change from the students at SUNY New Paltz. The students have asked to have the bus pass through the village. Herb stated he would like to try the new route for 2-3 months, if it does not work, it will be cancelled. Legislator Gerentine moved that this route change be put in effect, seconded by Legislator Carle. Unanimously carried.

The emergency use of buses was discussed. There were two major emergency situations this year when the UCRT buses were used. The committee supports Herb's decision and will continue to support similar decisions made by him in the future.

Legislator Smith suggested using the side of the buses to promote tourism. Legislator Todd suggested that 1-800-Dial UCO be put on UCRT buses. Chairman Carle appointed Legislators Todd and Smith to a special committee to discuss putting the County Tourism number on UCRT buses for the purpose of promoting tourism.

Herb discussed UCRT's Demand Response Policy regarding requests by disabled passengers for curb to curb service.

## II. INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Kathy Posnick presented the agenda.

Kathy went over the quotes for the major portions of insurance policies. She has received three quotes, all very different. She will continue to go over the bids. The committee unanimously supports Kathy's moves.

## III. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Carle informed the committee that he has appointed Legislator Gerentine Deputy Chairman of the General Services Committee.

Chairman Carle informed members that if he does not receive communication from them asking to be excused from a meeting, they will be considered absent.

In light of the fact that workers compensation rates have risen

dramatically for fire districts, Chairman Carle appointed a special committee of himself and Legislators Gerentine, Todd, Bertone and Magarelli. This committee met on Jan 16th to discuss the Workers Compensation self-insurance pool and its rating structure. At that meeting the committee agreed to send letters to the five member committee selected from the fire departments and will meet with representatives at a meeting this evening to see if there is a better way to deal with this.

Chairman Carle introduced a resolution requesting the New York State legislature amend the election law in relation to the hours for voting at primary elections in Ulster County from 6:00 am to 9:00 p.m. to noon to 9:00 p.m.. Moved by Legislator Carle, seconded by Legislator Every. No discussion. (Legislators Carle, Gerentine, Busick, Every, Roberti, Todd, Bertone, Magarelli, Smith all in favor) Unanimously carried.

Discussion on eliminating the mail check done by Board Elections each year was held. There would be a savings of \$16,000 to the county if this was not done yearly. Correspondence regarding this subject was given to each committee member.

Legislator Gerentine moved that meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Legislator Busick. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terence G. Carle, Chairman  
General Services Committee