

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: General Services Committee

DATE: March 18, 1996

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Legislative Chambers

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Legislators Carle, Busick,
Every, Roberti, Bertone, Magarelli,
Smith (late)

LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Gerentine, Todd

OTHERS PRESENT: Arlene Kearns, Purchasing Agent,
Harry Castiglione, Joan Millham,
Board of Elections, Barbara Applegate
Secretary

I. PURCHASING

Arlene Kearns presented the agenda.

Arlene gave an overview of the Purchasing Dept to the committee. There are three part to the Purchasing Dept. Central Purchasing located on 127 Schwenk Drive, Central Auto, located on Maxwell Place and Central Services located on South Manor Drive.

Central Purchasing does all the billing, purchasing, compiles bidders' list. The county is using recycled paper for copy machines. Central Auto maintains all county vehicles. Arlene noted that the 45' buses that will be coming in for UCRT will not fit in the garage. Central Services handles all mail, stockroom and duplicating.

Arlene distributed copies of 1996 bid list for committee's review. She noted that there have been 47 bids this year as of this date. In 1995 47 bids were not received until May 1st.

Arlene explained the new financial system which will be instituted by end of third quarter.

II. BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Harry Castiglione and Joan Millham presented the agenda.

Harry introduced Joan Millham as the new deputy commissioner.

Presidential primary was held March 7th. It was very expensive because a week before the primary, the ballot had to be reprinted. The county will run the Village of Ellenville election on March 19th.

Digitization process update was given.

It was reported that 6 out of 10 high schools in Ulster County has scheduled voter registrations. Information is sent to teachers before for discussion with students. This has proven to be very successful.

New custodians and assistant custodians have been appointed for voting machines. There have been district line changes in the Towns of Rochester and Hurley.

Harry informed the committee there is a movement to make the petitioning process easier.

As of 2/29/96 there were 1,297 new registrations. As of 3/3/96 there are 93,163 registered voters. The motor voter registrations have made a big difference in the number of people who have registered.

Discussion on status of bill regarding change of primary hours to 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Orange County has dropped support of this bill. Ulster County is the only one submitting to change primary hours.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Carle introduced a resolution on behalf of STOP DWI to amend the 1996 Ulster County Budget - Transfer of Funds - from GA-A 599 General Fund Balance STOP DWI to AAA-33145-0-4400 Miscellaneous Cont. in the amount of \$7000.00. The funds will be used to fund an upcoming PROJECT ZERO. Moved by Legislator Bertone, seconded by Legislator Smith. No discussion. Unanimously carried. (Legislators Carle, Busick, Every, Roberti, Bertone, Magarelli and Smith all in favor)

Chairman Carle informed the committee that he has been advised By Kathy Posnick, Insurance Officer that a desk audit will done on one of her employees on March 25th.

Chairman Carle informed the committee that on June 13, 1994 a resolution regarding putting messages on tax bills was referred to this committee by the Legislature. A special committee was appointed, however the matter was never resolved and several members of the committee have left the legislature. Therefore Chairman Carle appointed Legislator Busick to chair a special committee. Legislators Roberti and Bertone were also appointed to the committee. He asked that the committee have a report completed within 6 months.

Special Committee discussing feasibility of putting the county tourism phone number on UCRT buses will report at the next meeting
Legislator Carle updated the committee on status of bids received by Self Insurance. The review committee received 4 proposals.
All were reviewed by the committee.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terence G. Carle
Chairman

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