

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: General Services Committee
DATE: May 13, 1996
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: Legislative Library
LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Legislators Carle, Busick,
Every, Todd, Bertone, Smith
Magarelli
LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislator Gerentine, Roberti
OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy Posnick, Insurance Office;
Priscilla McBride, Real Property
Tax; Mary McMickle, STOP DWI;
Barbara Applegate, Secretary

I. INSURANCE

Kathy Posnick introduced a resolution to transfer funds in the amount of \$2804.00 from AAA-1910-0-4000 Insurance Premiums to AAA-1910-0-1002 D. Scofield. Transfer of Funds are needed because Ms. Scofield's position has been reclassified to Junior Accountant. This amount will cover salary for the remainder of 1996. Moved by Legislator Bertone, seconded by Legislator Magarelli. No discussion. Unanimously carried (Legislators Carle, Busick, Every, Todd, Bertone, Magarelli, Smith all in favor).

II. REAL PROPERTY TAX AGENCY

Priscilla McBride presented the agenda

Priscilla discussed the GIS Project. The project is set up and beginning to move. However, due to a disagreement between New York State and Hunter College most of the digitalization work done on Towns of Olive, Hardenburg and Denning will be lost.

Discussion on Conrail Tax Assessment Litigation. Conrail is one of the top ten property payers in Ulster County, and is in litigation, along with public utilities asking to reduce their respective assessment on special franchises.

Ulster County has been asked to contribute toward the cost of defending the Conrail class action lawsuit. The amount the county would have to contribute is \$5,651.15, which is 4.25% of the tax money Ulster County has at stake for 1994 and 1995. If the suit

is lost, the county will get reimbursed. Priscilla introduced a resolution to contribute \$5651.15 and to execute agreement for joint defense of Conrail Tax Assessment Litigation. Money to come from contingency. Moved by Legislator Busick, seconded by Legislator Every. No Discussion. Unanimously carried. — (Legislators Carle, Busick, Every, Todd, Bertone, Magarelli, Smith all in favor)

Priscilla told the committee the county auction held the last three days of April was poor to fair. Of the 1000 parcels originally listed, 400 were for sale. Only 10 properties were bid above the amount of tax due.

III. STOP DWI

Mary McMickle presented the agenda.

Mary distributed copies of the overview of STOP-DWI Program. The program takes in the following categories: Enforcement, Adjudication, Rehabilitation, Probation, Public Information and Education and Administration.

Mary stated the main area of the program is enforcement. Equipment is given to police agencies, as well as, funding for task force patrols. Adjudication - each municipal court in the county receives \$10.00 per DWI case heard, regardless of disposition.

STOP-DWI funds a senior probation officer, two assistant district attorneys, alcohol abuse counselor.

Under the Education component, STOP-DWI has begun a victims impact panel, and funds a community educator; provides supplies to all D.A.R.E. programs in the county, funds all after prom parties, works with SADD organizations and trains bartenders and waitress in intervention procedures.

The Program has received many awards. There are no tax dollars in the program, it is funded by fines received from the drunk driver.

Mary introduced a resolution authorizing chairman to enter into agreement with municipalities for STOP-DWI Task Force Patrols for Second Half 1996, in the following amounts:

Ellenville PD	\$4000.00
Town of Lloyd PD	\$2000.00
Marlboro PD	\$5000.00
Town of Rosendale PD	\$2000.00
Town of Plattekill PD	\$1100.00
Town of Shawangunk	\$2500.00
Town of Ulster PD	\$9375.00
Town of Woodstock PD	\$2750.00
	<u>\$28,750.00</u>

There is no financial impact to county.

Moved by Legislator Every, seconded by Legislator Smith, No discussion. Unanimously carried. (Legislators Carle, Busick, Every, Todd, Bertone, Magarelli, Smith all in favor). —

Mary introduced a resolution for continuation of Ulster County Sheriff Task Force Patrol Funding for second half 1996 - Authorizing Letter of Agreement, in the amount of \$9000.00. Moved by Legislator Bertone, seconded by Legislator Busick. No discussion. Unanimously carried (Legislators Carle, Busick, Every, Todd, Bertone, Magarelli and Smith all in favor). No financial impact to county.

Mary introduced a resolution Amending 1996 Ulster County Budget, Transfer of Funds, Ulster County STOP DWI. in the amount of \$19,725.00 from General Fund Balance (STOP DWI) GA-A-5110 to STOP-DWI Programs AAA-3315-0-4401. No financial impact to county. Moved by Legislator Bertone, seconded by Legislator Busick. No discussion. Unanimously carried. (Legislators Carle, Busick, Every, Todd, Bertone, Magarelli and Smith all in favor).

All business being completed, Chairman Carle adjourned meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terence G. Carle
Chairman