

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: General Services Committee
DATE: February 13, 1995
TIME: 7:06 PM
PLACE: Legislative Conference Room
LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Legislators Carle, Every, Moone,
Strangfeld, Bertone, Bischoff,
Cranston,
LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislators Devine, Gerentine
OTHERS PRESENT: Herb Hekler, Planning Board,
Barbara Applegate, Secretary

I. PLANNING BOARD

Herb Hekler presented the agenda.

Herb asked the committee if there were any questions regarding the 1994 Annual Report that had been previously mailed to the committee. Brief discussion.

UCRT Operations. Herb reported an increase in passengers fares and revenues in January. He reported a bridge is out on Rt 213, therefore, small buses must be used to cross alternative bridge, to accommodate the weight limit of five tons.

Herb reported on several personnel changes in Rural Transportation Office due to the retirement of the Rural Transportation Manger.

He also reported on several changes in the bus schedules, which were made due to a shift in passengers.

Herb discussed the procurement of new buses. It is his opinion that the Orion Bus Company has the best product despite their recent financial difficulties. They are presently being bought out by a Canadian company. Due to their financial problems, there is currently a long wait for Orion buses. However, if we can take over or piggy-back onto some other municipality's place in line, we may be able to get the buses sooner. The City of Buffalo has an order in for buses that are similar to our needs. If Herb can work out a few differences between our specs and Buffalo's specs, it is possible that we could get our buses as soon as this Fall.

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Herb informed the committee that Ulster County has submitted four projects to the State under the ISTEA Grant, round 2 enhancement projects.

II. PURCHASING DEPT.

Arelene Kerans submitted a written report to the committee which was presented by Chairman Carle.

Purchasing has moved its offices to 127 Schwenk Drive. The back three offices are occupied by them, the Sheriff's Dept. occupies the remainder of the building. A lunch room and conference room are shared. Things are running smoothly and soon all will be unpacked and undisturbed by the change.

26 bids have been processed already this year. A record year for bids is expected considering all the public works projects that will be going on.

Five vehicles have been purchased for lease to Social Services. Delivery is expected within the next few months. At the end of the lease term of three years, the County will own the vehicles and they can be used or leased to other departments.

The department is at full staff at the present time, and it is hoped that soon certain aspects of the office will be caught up.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terence G. Carle
Chairman

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