

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: General Services Committee
DATE: January 23, 1995
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: Legislative Conference Room
LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Legislators Carle, Gerentine, Devine,
Moone, Strangfeld, Bertone, Bischoff
Cranston, Noonan
LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislator Every
OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy Posnick, Bonnie Szpulecki;
Insurance Department; Kathy Mihm, Ann
Ferrigan, Board of Elections; Barbara
Applegate, Secretary

I. INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Kathy Posnick presented the agenda.

Kathy went over the quotes for the major portion of insurance policies. She received two quotes, one from Ryan Insurance Co. The other from Gallagher. The quote from Ryan has a higher limit of coverage using Northfield Company, which is a non admitted carrier.

The Gallagher package premium is \$392,711, with a \$50,000.00 SRI. The SRI on the Penco package is also \$50,000.00, with property coverage quoted separately with Aetna, having a \$25,000.00 deductible, the premium is \$362,797, but it is non-admitted.

Kathy will continue to go over the bids. The committee supports Kathy's moves.

II. BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Anne Ferrigan and Kathy Mihm presented the agenda.

Anne Ferrigan distributed copies of annual report of the Board of Elections.

The Village of Ellenville election will be held March 21, 1995. Board of Elections has been doing the election for the village for 4-5 years.

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Due to redistricting in the City of Kingston, the number of wards have changed from 13 to 9.

Kathy discussed the National Voter Registration Act which went into effect January 1st. An individual who registers a motor vehicle can also register to vote at the same time.

Appointment letters went out to all town chairman on January 15th appointing new custodians and assistant custodians for the election machines.

New registrations to date 712.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Carle called a five minute recess at 7:58 p.m.

When meeting reconvened Peg Nau, Marie Post and Marjorie Vail asked to speak before the committee on behalf of the Mid Hudson League of Women Voters, regarding the virtues of split payment of school taxes. After discussion Chairman Carle stated he feels this matter belongs to the Ways and Means Committee. Chairman Carle also suggested that LVW representatives ask to address the Ways and Means Committee regarding this matter.

The representatives from the LWV stated that prior memorializing resolutions from the Ulster County Legislature on this topic have not been received by Sen. Cook's or Assemblyman Guerin's offices. Chairman Carle will arrange for the LWV to be sent copies of memorializing resolutions so they could send them to the officials.

Legislator Strangfeld mentioned that 1995 marks the 75th anniversary guaranteeing women the right to vote and felt the Ulster County Legislature should acknowledge this in some way. Chairman Carle appointed a sub-committee to put together a resolution which will be presented at the August meeting. Members of the sub-committee are Chairman Strangfeld, and Legislators Moone and Bischoff.

Legislators Gerentine, Strangfeld and Bertone presented a sub-committee report on State legislation which allows counties to expand the agricultural exemptions. It was reported that questionnaires were sent to all assessors, three responded. The Association of Assessors unanimously feels the county should not adopt this exemption; they do not recommend this legislation, but will look at it in the future. After discussion, the members of the sub-committee, recommended that the committee pass a resolution to authorize this exemption. Resolution for Agricultural Exemption Expansion to Include Commercial Horse Boarding Operations was moved by Legislators Strangfeld, Bischoff, Bertone, seconded by Legislator Devine. (Legislators Carle, Gerentine, Devine, Strangfeld, Bischoff, Bertone in favor; Legislators Moone and Cranston opposed).

Legislator Strangfeld asked that District 7 co-sponsor the resolution.

Chairman Carle reviewed a copy of a memo sent to all department heads from Central Auto stating anyone who drives a county vehicle no longer needs to call Central Auto for minor service if they are a distance from Kingston. There is now a list of approved vendors to call.

Chairman Carle introduced a resolution on behalf of Herb Hekler re-appointing Arnold Hansen from Plattekill to the Ulster County Planning Board for term 1/95 through 12/31/95. Moved by Legislator Moone, seconded by Legislator Bertone. Unanimously passed (Legislators Carle, Gerentine, Devine, Moone, Strangfeld, Bertone, Bischoff, Cranston all in favor.

Meeting adjourned 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terence G. Carle
Chairman