

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: General Services Committee  
DATE: June 12, 1995  
TIME: 7:00 PM  
PLACE: Legislative Conference Room  
LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Legislators Carle, Gerentine, Every,  
Moone, Strangfeld, Bischoff,  
LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislators Devine, Bertone, Cranston  
OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Hoose, Safety Office, Herb Hekler,  
Planning Dept., Archie Reed, Barbara  
Applegate, Secretary

I. SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Bob Hoose presented the agenda

Bob reported the ID system is up and running. Everyone in the county is now on it. The department will soon start magnetic encoding of cards.

Random drug and alcohol testing of employees holding safety sensitive positions has begun.

The Safety Department will be needing a new computer. Presently there is only one computer for the entire department.

II. PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Herb Hekler introduced a resolution to transfer funds in the amount of \$4031.35 from OA-5631-0-1102 line to OA-5631-1995 line. This represents 45 days @ 8.5 hours x \$10.54 per hour.

Reason for this transfer is that the full time employee on 1102 line only works 34 hours per week. A substitute driver works the other 8.5 hours for that job assignment. There is a great drain on the 1995 line as a result of three employees being out on disability for extended periods while remaining on the payroll. Moved by Legislator Gerentine, seconded by Legislator Strangfeld. No discussion. Unanimously carried (Legislators Carle, Gerentine, Every, Moone Strangfeld, Bischoff all in favor).

Saturday bus service to the Mall has been well received. The first week there were 27 passengers, second week 44 riders.

Herb distributed copies of NYSDOT Quarterly Ridership Report to committee members.

Herb informed the committee when he submits his 1996 budget a fare increase may be necessary due to a projected 30% decrease in federal funding.

### III OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Carle informed the committee that the request to reduce primary hours has been denied in Albany. Consequently, Chairman Carle introduced a resolution for Home Rule Message to allow just Ulster County to conduct primary voting between the hours of 12 noon and 9 p.m. Moved by Chairman Carle, seconded by Legislator Every. Discussion. Unanimously carried (Legislators Carle, Gerentine, Every, Moone, Strangfeld, Bischoff all in favor).

Chairman Carle reported on a meeting he had with several fire districts at Woodstock Firehouse. Legislator Husted and Kathy Posnick from the Insurance Department also attended. The firemen are concerned with the rising cost of workmen's compensation in the county's insurance pool. Legislator Carle told the firemen he would look into this issue. Legislator Moone would like to keep the Ulster County Fire Advisory Board informed.

Chairman Carle appointed Legislator Every to replace Legislator Strangfeld on the sub-committee working on a resolution commemorating the 75th anniversary guaranteeing women the right to vote.

Chairman Carle appointed Legislator Gerentine to replace Legislator Strangfeld on sub-committee reviewing the justification and feasibility of messages on tax bills.

Chairman Carle made a motion to adjourn the meeting in honor of departing Legislator Strangfeld who will be leaving the Ulster County Legislature. Unanimous second.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terence G. Carle  
Chairman