

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: General Services Committee  
DATE: March 14, 1994  
TIME: 7:30 PM  
PLACE: Legislative Chambers  
LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Legislators Carle, Gerentine, Devine,  
Every, Moone, Strangfeld, Bischoff,  
Bertone, Cranston  
OTHERS PRESENT: Arlene Kearns, Purchasing Dept; Mary  
McMickle, STOP DWI; Herb Hekler, Planning  
Dept; Priscilla McBride, Real Property  
Tax Agency; Barbara Applegate, Secretary

I. PURCHASING DEPT.

Arlene introduced a resolution to reclassify Robin Hurley-Peruso from expeditor to the title of Buyer. This change would create the following change in 1994 budget. Deduct \$891.80 from part time line AAA-1345-0-1995 add, \$891.80 to line AAA-1345-0-1815. Moved by Legislator Moone, seconded Legislator Bertone. Discussion. Because the change does not go into effect until April 1st, the financial impact will be adjusted accordingly for 1994. Unanimously carried. (Legislators Carle, Gerentine, Devine, Every, Moone, Strangfeld, Bertone, Bischoff, Cranston all in favor).

II. PLANNING BOARD

Herb Hekler presented the agenda.

Herb reported on UCRT Operations. Due to the bad winter weather, revenue miles were down 7%, passengers and fares were down 17%. Herb reported a problem with maintenance and repair of buses. The County's mechanics are busy with maintenance and repair of other county vehicles, especially Sheriff Dept. patrol cars, and often cannot do routine maintenance or timely repairs to the buses. Herb and Arlene Kerans are working on a plan to change the working hours of the bus mechanics to a 40 hour week and possibly Saturday morning.

The Planning Board obtained an ICETEA grant. ICETEA is a Federal Transportation grant, in the amount of \$100,364.00 that Ulster

County received for restoration of the Perrines Bridge.

Herb reported on Woodstock 94. He advised the committee that the Planning Board did not approve or disapprove the festival, they gave binding recommendations. A binding recommendation means that should the locality disagree with the recommendations of the Planning Board, they would have to vote to override the recommendation(s) with a majority plus one vote.

Herb distributed copies of an article that appeared in the Hudson Valley Business Journal regarding UCCC Incubator. Herb will meet with John Dunn from UCCC and then structure a grant application.

Herb distributed copies of his comments on New York City Land Acquisition Program on Water Supply Permit Application held February 9th. He reported that the negotiating process is winding down.

### III. REAL PROPERTY TAX AGENCY

Priscilla McBride presented the agenda.

Priscilla distributed equalization rates and residential assessment ratios to members of the committee. She explained that the equalization rates and assessment ratios are very similar. A board assessment review training will be held for new members in April and May.

Reval Project Update. New Paltz and Town of Lloyd update projects have been completed. The Town of Esopus project scheduled for 1995 has run into problems with public relations and has been postponed until 1996. Town of Saugerties and Town of Marbletown, scheduled for 1995. Town of Ulster will be done in house in 1996. City of Kingston update scheduled for 1995. A public information meeting will be held in early April.

A RPS system update will be scheduled to insure assessors a smooth transition to Version III.

Priscilla reported that a new 5217 form will be forthcoming. The form is filed with a deed when it is recorded.

A public auction will take place April 28th and 29th.

Real Property Tax Agency Annual Report for 1993 is not completed. Two pages of work remain. Priscilla will forward the report to Chairman Carle for his review when it is completed before she releases it to the public.

### IV. STOP DWI

Mary McMickle presented her agenda.

Mary introduced a resolution amending the 1994 budget, Transfer

funds \$7000.00 From GA-A-599, General Fund Balance, STOP DWI to AAA- 3315-0-4400, Misc. Cont. \$7000.00. Funds to be used for Project ZERO scheduled April 29th. Moved by Legislator Bischoff, seconded Legislator Cranston. No Discussion. Unanimously carried. (Legislators Carle, Gerentine, Every, Devine, Moone, Strangfeld, Bertone, Bischoff, Cranston all in favor).

Mary reported on the Prosecution Enforcement Conference that was held March 1-3 at the Fallsvie Hotel in Ellenville. Over 200 individuals attended. An Awards Ceremony was held honoring officers that had made a significant number of DWI arrests in 1993.

TIPS training was held at Mariner's Harbor in February. All of the servers in the establishment are now trained. STOP DWI will be represented at the Lions Expo March 18, 19 and 20. Booths will be manned by Ulster County Shields. Town of Ulster Police and DARE officers. Mary will attend DARE graduations March 22 and 25th.

STOP DWI is a sponsor for Alcohol and Substance Abuse Professionals providers meeting March 18th. STOP DWI will also sponsor a baseball tournament at Gruner Field in Lake Katrine.

Because many laws and fines have been changed STOP DWI is updating their brochure.

#### V. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Carle informed the committee he spoke with Donna Spada in the Planning Board office and asked that she send a memo to towns and the city asking that future nominations to the Planning Board be accompanied by a resume.

Chairman Carle appointed Legislators Bertone and Strangfeld to an Ad Hoc Committee to study the proposals for back injury programs. They will come to the committee with their recommendations as soon as possible.

Chairman Carle stated that Arlene Kearns will arrange for the committee members to attend a demonstration of the two ID systems that are being considered for use in the county.

Meeting adjourned by Chairman Carle at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terence Carle  
Chairman