

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: General Services Committee  
DATE: November 29, 1994  
TIME: 7:30 PM  
PLACE: Legislative Chambers  
LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Legislators Carle, Gerentine, Every,  
Moone, Strangfeld, Bertone, Bischoff  
LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislator Devine  
LEGISLATORS ABSENT: Legislator Cranston  
OTHERS PRESENT: Harry Castiglione, Board of Elections;  
Bob Hoose, Safety; Priscilla McBride, Real  
Property; Bert Winnie, Real Property; Herb  
Hekler, Planning; Barbara Applegate,  
Secretary

I. BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Harry Castiglione introduced a resolution to transfer funds in the amount of \$2000.00 from AAA-1450-0-1995, part time employees to AAA-1450-0-1997 Overtime. This money is for the individuals who work specifically for elections. Moved by Legislator Gerentine, seconded by Legislator Bertone. Unanimously carried, (Legislators Carle, Gerentine, Every, Moone, Strangfeld, Bertone, Bischoff in favor. Legislators Devine and Cranston absent).

II. SAFETY

Bob Hoose introduced a resolution to amend the 1995 county budget for the Safety Office in the amount of \$2600.00. The Ulster County Personnel office conducted a desk audit of the Deputy Safety position and has concluded the position should be upgraded from Grade 14 to grade 15, in the amount of \$2600.00. The Deputy Safety Officer will be taking on added responsibilities and work load associated with becoming the drug and alcohol program manager for the new federal mandated laws. Moved by Legislator Moone, seconded by Legislator Strangfeld. Unanimously carried, (Legislators Carle, Gerentine, Every, Moone, Strangfeld, Bertone, Bischoff all in favor. Legislators Devine and Cranston absent.)

III. REAL PROPERTY TAX AGENCY

Priscilla McBride discussed the Geographic Information System (GIS).

On September 9, 1994, a letter was sent to all Ulster County Departments regarding the Real Property Tax Service Agency proposal to coordinate the development of Geographic Information Technology for the county. Priscilla discussed this proposal and how Broome County has implemented this service in their departments.

Priscilla distributed copies of cost estimate summary she received from Hawk Engineering for electronic maps for Ulster County.

She reported on a NYS Assn of Counties meeting held November 15th. At this time scanning was looked at, and the possibility of forming a consortium.

Priscilla distributed copies of a possible agreement between NYS and NYC Watershed to digitize tax maps. If Ulster County participates in this project, hardware and software training will be provided; 1/3 of the county will be digitized; the remainder of the county will be digitized at reduced cost.

Priscilla asked that the General Services Committee support the State/City Watershed opportunity and establish a task force to oversee G.I.S. development. She would like these individuals to attend a December 1st meeting of NY City Watershed lands which will be held at Ulster County Office Building. NYC DEP, Ulster County representatives and NYS DEA will participate. She feels the implementation of G.I. S. has the potential to be a revenue source for the county.

#### IV. PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Herb Hekler introduced a resolution for Ulster County to submit a request for a grant of funds to NYS Dept of Transportation and the US Dept of Transportation in the amount of \$103,000.00 for 1995. Moved by Legislator Every, seconded by Legislator Moone. Unanimously carried. (Legislators Carle, Gerentine, Every, Moone, Strangfeld, Bertone, Bischoff all in favor. Legislators Devine and Cranston absent).

Herb reported that passengers, revenues and miles were up. He also reported that the Orion Bus Company is in receivership at this time. He feels their product is superior, and it would be worth waiting for their financial situation to improve, rather than order from another company. Maintenance costs on the old buses will be high, however, he feels waiting for the Orion Buses will be worth it.

#### V. OTHER BUSINESS

Legislator Bischoff offered a memorializing resolution that

the Chairman of General Services Committee appoint a special sub-committee to review the justification and feasibility of multiple payment of taxes.

Legislator Strangfeld moved the following amendment to the resolution be made " Chairman Carle will consult with Ways and Means Committee to find what road can be taken to effectuate a way for this to happen."

All present voted in favor of the above amendment.

Memorializing resolution unanimously carried.

Chairman Carle apprised the committee of new laws for agricultural exemptions. These laws will become effective March 1995. Chairman appointed Legislator Gerentine to chair a study group to determine if general Services Committee should entertain this matter. Other committee members are Legislators Strangfeld and Bertone

Chairman adjourned meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terence G. Carle  
Chairman

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