

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: General Services Committee
DATE: August 16, 1993
TIME: 7:30 PM
PLACE: Legislative Chambers
LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Legislators Sinagra, Crespino,
Gerentine, Naccarato, Sottile, Tipp,
Bischoff, Cranston
LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislator Bertone
OTHERS PRESENT: Mary McMickle, STOP DWI; Robert Hoose,
Safety Department; Kathy Posnick,
Insurance Officer; Priscilla McBride,
Real Property Tax; Arlene Kearns,
Purchasing; Barbara Applegate, Secretary;
Members of the Media

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Sinagra.

I. STOP-DWI

Mary McMickle presented the budget to the committee for their review. Committee will review at home, if there are questions they will be addressed at September's meeting

II. SAFETY OFFICE

Bob Hoose presented the agenda.

He reported \$5220.75 has been received in revenues to date;
\$2050.00 is outstanding.

Bloodborne pathogens, hepatitis B and Tuberculosis Training.
\$22,699.51 has been expended to date for Sheriff's Dept; Social
Services and Mental Health.

Discussion was held regarding the presentation made by Dr. Rosenblum at the July meeting regarding a pilot program to reduce back injuries to infirmity personnel. Chairman Sinagra stated since the last meeting he has received proposals from several other companies regarding back programs. He appointed Legislators Sottile, Tipp and Bertone to serve on a sub-committee. They are to review all proposals received and come back to the committee with a report and recommendation at the October meeting.

Bob reported on the progress and problems incurred on the construction and remodeling presently underway at the courthouse, and the 911 project.

There are still no facilities for a safety training room.

Bob expressed his displeasure with the fact that department heads will be excluded from the study groups when departments are evaluated to determine if there is waste in county government.

Bob did not bring copies of his 1994 budget, therefore he will mail them out to committee members.

III. INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Kathy Posnick presented the agenda.

Kathy presented her budget to the committee. Chairman Sinagra asked members to take them home for review. If there are any questions, they will be addressed at next month's meeting.

1993-94 Medical Malpractice Renewal was awarded to Frontier Insurance in Monticello. The premium is \$78,738.00, which reflects a \$500.00 increase from last year.

Kathy reported on a pending Section 75 Hearing. The union asked for a postponement on the hearing. It is scheduled for August 23rd.

IV. REAL PROPERTY TAX AGENCY

Priscilla McBride presented the agenda.

Final assessment rolls are completed.

Reval status report. Towns of Rosendale and Hardenburgh are completed. Saugerties in process by Finnegan Corp., completed by 1995. Town of Ulster being done in house, completed by 1995. New Paltz update will be completed by 1995. Town of Lloyd will

start in 1994, Kingston will start in 1994 or 1995. Towns of Esopus, Hurley and Marlboro are still talking.

Discussion on G.I.S. took place. Since G.I.S is the future, Priscilla would like to know what it would take to get involved. There is discussion of a joint cooperative effort with the New York State Dept of Equalization.

Priscilla advised the committee of new legislation regarding tax enforcement that is being discussed in Albany. She also reported on new S.D.E.A. rules and regulations.

V. PURCHASING

Arlene Kearns presented the agenda.

Chairman Sinagra presented Arlene with a certificate of appreciation. She has passed the NIGP Certification Test and is now a Certified Public Purchasing Official.

Arlene introduced a resolution to transfer funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 to AAA-1345-0-4820 Central Printing from AAA-1345-09020 Reimbur-Central Printing. Also transfer funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 to AAA-1345-0-4870 Central Auto Repair from AAA-1345-0-9080 Reimbur Central Auto Repair. Moved by Legislator Tipp, seconded by Legislator Sottile. After discussion, it was unanimously carried. (Legislators Sinagra, Crespino, Gerentine, Naccarato, Sottile, Tipp, Bischoff, Cranston all in favor).

Arlene introduced a resolution to transfer funds from AAA-1345-0-1816, senior typist to AAA-1345-0-4500 fees for services in the amount of \$1932.00. Moved by Legislator Cranston, seconded by Legislator Naccarato. No discussion. Unanimously carried. (Legislators Sinagra, Crespino, Gerentine, Naccarato, Sottile, Tipp, Bischoff, Cranston all in favor)

Arlene informed the committee of a refund from utilities in the amount of \$2,118.69 for the month of May, and a refund in the amount of \$9621.56 for July. A total of \$42,966.54 has been refunded to date. Half of the amount goes to the person who found the error.

Arlene distributed copies of her 1994 budget to the committee. The committee will take them home for review. If there are questions, they will be addressed at September's meeting.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Sinagra distributed copies of 1994 budget submitted by Joe Lemme on behalf of Information Service. Committee was asked to take it home for review. If questions, they will be addressed at September's meeting.

Chairman Sinagra reviewed a letter he wrote on behalf of the General Services Committee to Legislature Chairman Benjamin regarding the recommendations of the General Services Committee pertaining to Resolution 106. After discussion, the following corrections were agreed to. Paragraph 1. Change (two) members as recommended by the majority party to (14) members. Change (one) member as recommended by the minority party to (7) members.

Paragraph 5, line 8 delete "24 hours prior to presentation to the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature." Substitute "and Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature, 24 hours prior to being released to the press." Corrections moved by Legislator Cranston seconded by Legislator Naccarato. No discussion. Passed unanimously. (Legislators Sinagra, Crespino, Gerentine, Naccarato, Sottile, Tipp, Bischoff, Cranston all in favor) Letter will be retyped with these corrections and sent to Chairman Benjamin.

Legislator Sottile moved and Legislator Cranston seconded that meeting be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip J. Sinagra
Chairman