

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: General Services Committee  
 DATE: January 11, 1993  
 TIME: 7:30 PM  
 PLACE: Legislative Chambers  
 LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Philip J. Sinagra,  
 Legislators Gerentine, Bischoff,  
 Crespino, Tipp, Bertone, Naccarato  
 LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislators Sottile, Cranston  
 LEGISLATORS ABSENT: None  
 OTHERS PRESENT: Herbert Hekler, Planning Board;  
 Mary McMickle, STOP DWI;  
 Joseph Lemme, Information Services.  
 Barbara Applegate, Secretary;

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Sinagra.

I. PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Herb Hekler presented his agenda.

Herb reported on UCRT Operations. 1992 was a good year, even though the last quarter was not as good as the last quarter of 1991. The ridership increased from 87,016 in 1991 to 93,253 in 1992, or a 7.2% increase. Fare revenues set new records at \$85,395 or up 8.5%, state aid based upon passenger and mileage reimbursements were \$3,513 over 1991. Federal aid for 1993 has been increased from \$67,000 to \$100,000.00. Herb will set up a meeting with Bob Brown from the Community College regarding the scheduling of school closing on the same days as the county. To run buses to the college when the county is closed due to a

holiday is very expensive.

Herb presented the 1992 Planning Board Annual Report. Stewart Airport and its industrial commercial properties is a major subject in the report. Herb and Chairman Benjamin will be meeting with Senator Larkin in the near future to discuss Stewart Airport. Other areas covered in the report include water supply for the county and the effect of New York City's efforts to revise their watershed regulation to avoid filtration; and the economy of Ulster County. Herb serves on the Executive Committee of the Ulster County Development Corporation and promoting Ulster County is a high priority item.

## II. STOP DWI

Mary presented the agenda.

Mary informed the committee that STOP DWI has received a check in the amount of \$7109.38. This is a refund, due the program from the lawsuit filed with the State for withholding 2% of fines in 1991.

Plans are underway for the Annual Prosecution-Enforcement Conference that will be held Feb 24 & 25 at the Fallsview Hotel in Ellenville. It is expected 300 people will attend. An awards ceremony for police officers will be held the night of Feb. 24th.

Mary informed the committee that the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee now oversees the STOP DWI Program.

Mary has started a public service announcement program on WGHQ / WBPM Radio. Spots run Monday, Wednesday and Fridays in the morning. Each week she will cover a different area of the program in the spot.

Many of the police agencies have been returning the Alco-check units, as they have become obsolete. They will be replaced with Alco-sensors. Chairman Sinagra asked that Mary check with the Purchasing Department about removing them from the inventory.

## III. INFORMATION SERVICES

Joe Lemme presented the agenda.

Joe reviewed the rates for 1993. An additional chargeback scheme will be instituted in 1993. There will be an installation cost of \$250.00 for all users. A \$45.00 per hour fee will apply to all users. The five year plan for Information Services is to have a

self sustaining department. Legislator Naccarato moved that Information Services set rates for programs and services. Seconded by Legislator Bertone. Unanimously carried.

Joe suggested that the Committee meet at Information Services so they can get a better idea of how the department is run and what is accomplished by them. Chairman Sinagra asked that Joe set up a meeting in March.

Joe reported on the major installs. County Clerk, Sheriff and Mental Health departments installed and operational. Twenty P.C.'s added to Mental Health Network. The old ones will be upgraded for other departments.

Joe reported on Major Projects in Progress; and presented department statistics.

Joe has been invited to speak at the Lions Club weekly meeting. He distributed copies of his speech to the Committee

#### IV. BOARD OF ELECTIONS

There was no agenda, as both commissioners were excused from the meeting.

#### V. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Sinagra introduced a resolution on behalf of the Planning Board to appoint John Meschi from the Town of Esopus to the Ulster County Planning Board from 1/93 thru 12/31/96. Moved by Legislator Naccarato, seconded by Legislator Crespino. No discussion. Unanimously carried.

Chairman Sinagra introduced a resolution on behalf of the Planning Board to appoint Harry Anderson from the Town of Hurley to the Ulster County Planning Board from 1/93 thru 12/31/96. Moved by Legislator Bischoff, seconded by Legislators Bertone and Sinagra. No discussion. Unanimously carried.

Chairman Sinagra introduced a resolution on behalf of the Planning Board to appoint Jeffrey Martin from Town of Kingston to the Ulster County Planning Board from 1/93 thru 12/31/96. Moved by Legislator Sinagra, seconded by Legislator Bertone. No discussion. Unanimously carried.

Chairman Sinagra read letters of thanks from Town of Rosendale Supervisor Havranek to the Board of Assessors for a professional and efficient job on their recent revaluation project; a letter

from Lew Kirschner to Arlene Kearns for her professional manner and measures she has taken to save money for the county. Also a letter from Lew Kirschner to Joe Lemme congratulating him for his quick response to putting the cash management system on line and saving the county charges.

Legislator Naccarato moved and Legislator Bertone seconded that meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip J. Sinagra  
Chairman

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