

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: General Services Committee

DATE: May 24, 1993

TIME: 7:30 PM

PLACE: Legislative Chambers

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Legislators Tipp, Sottile, Bischoff, Crespino, Naccarato, Cranston, Sinagra, Gerentine

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: Legislator Bertone

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary McMickle, STOP DWI; Harry Castiglione, Board of Elections; Herbert Hekler, Planning Board, Barbara Applegate, Secretary

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

I. STOP DWI

Mary McMickle presented the agenda.

The sobriety checkpoint unit is presently being cleaned and fixed up. After many uses, it needed to be cleaned and there were several items that needed to be fixed. Two tires had to be replaced. The unit is used by various police agencies that have checkpoints during the year.

Mary distributed statistical data regarding alcohol related personal injury accidents in Ulster County and alcohol related deaths in Ulster County for the years 1984 through 1991.

Mary reported on several D.A.R.E. graduation ceremonies she attended recently.

The STOP DWI Program Plan for 1993 has been approved by the State.

Mary introduced a resolution Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into agreement with municipalities for STOP DWI Task Force Patrols for Second Half 1993. Moved by Legislator Tipp, seconded by Legislator Sottile. No discussion. Unanimously carried. (Legislators Gerentine, Sottile, Naccarato, Crespino, Tipp, Sinagra, Bischoff, Cranston all in favor).

Mary introduced a resolution for Continuation of Ulster County Sheriff Task Force Patrol Funding, Second Half 1993, Authorizing Letter of Agreement. Moved by Legislator Naccarato, seconded by Legislator Crespino. No discussion. Unanimously carried. (Legislators Gerentine, Sottile, Naccarato, Crespino, Tipp, Sinagra, Bischoff, Cranston all in favor).

Mary introduced a resolution Amending 1993 Ulster County Budget, Transfer of Funds From GA-A-599 General Fund Balance, (STOP DWI) for \$24,407.00 to AAA-3315-0-4401 STOP DWI Programs. Moved by Legislator Gerentine, seconded by Legislator Sottile. No discussion. Unanimously carried. (Legislators Gerentine, Sottile, Naccarato, Crespino, Tipp, Sinagra, Bischoff, Cranston all in favor).

Mary advised the committee that a copy machine is being purchased with STOP DWI funds for use by the departments at One Pearl Street.

II. BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Harry Castiglione presented the agenda.

Harry reported that high school registration has been completed. Over 550 students from area high schools have been registered.

Village of Ellenville election was held on March 16th, everything went off smoothly.

Harry reported on the State Board Conference held recently in Albany. Items discussed included how the Motorala Bill impacts the State; Computerization of Election News; Electronic Voting - a thing of the future.

The Board of Elections is presently updating the main file to reflect address changes due to 911. Joe Lemme and his staff have been great in this regard.

June 8th is the first day to sign petitions and concludes July 15th.

New registrations year to date, 1,025.

III. INFORMATION SERVICES

Joe Lemme was attending a conference, therefore he was excused from the meeting. He did not send a representative.

IV. PLANNING BOARD

Herb Hekler reported on UCRT operations. He distributed a budget summary comparing actual expenditures 1991-1992. Fares, passengers and mileage went up. It was a good year for the department. A 25 cent surcharge will be charged for agencies that pay monthly with vouchers. UCRT will get \$100,000 from the State for the coming year.

Herb has spoken to Bob Brown President of the Community College regarding running the buses on the days the county is observing a holiday. It is very expensive for the county to run buses when the county has a holiday, therefore, UCCC has agreed to pay for operating expenses on these occasions. The net cost should be between \$521.00 and \$930.00 a day. Herb asked for committee approval. Passed by acclamation.

Many people are riding the bus to Met Life. It was suggested that a bus stop sign be put up there.

Herb reported that three of the buses are reaching the point where they will have to be replaced. Therefore he has started putting out specs on new buses. All buses purchased must be equipped with wheel chair lifts, which will add to the cost.

Herb reported on Economic Development Activities. He distributed copies of the proposals submitted by UCCC and SUNY New Paltz for economic development in Ulster County. There was a lot of discussion regarding these proposals, and the strategy that will be used to obtain funding.

Legislator Tipp moved and Legislator Sottile seconded that meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip J. Sinagra
Chairman