

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: General Services Committee  
DATE: September 14, 1992  
TIME: 7:30 PM  
PLACE: Legislative Chambers  
LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Philip J. Sinagra,  
Legislators Gerentine, Provenzano,  
Sottile  
LEGISLATORS EXCUSED: Legislator Tipp  
LEGISLATORS ABSENT: Legislators Naccarato and Bertone  
OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Savago, Harry Castiglione,  
Board of Elections; Herbert Hekler,  
Planning Board; Mary McMickle, STOP DWI;  
Joe Lemme, Information Services; Legislator  
Robert Cranston; Barbara Applegate,  
Secretary; Members of the Media.

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

I. BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Commissioners Savago and Castiglione presented the agenda

Election Inspector classes were held four days in August, three sessions each day. 468 inspectors attended these classes. The training was held at the Town of Ulster Highway Department.

Three candidates filed Independent petitions in August. A mail check of residence cards were mailed in August, A total of 86,381 cards were mailed. Absentee ballots for the Primary were mailed out to voters who applied. In August 2,605 voters were registered.

Polls will be open for the Primary September 15th, 6 am to 9 p.m.

## II. ULSTER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

Herb Hekler presented the agenda.

Herb reported on UCRT operations. July passengers, revenues and miles are up. August passengers, and revenues are up, miles are down. The decline in miles is due to the fact that the Friday run is down. Herb asked the committee to give him authorization to try new runs to fill the gap and make the Friday run profitable. Herb will try new routes, but won't get locked into anything. The committee agreed to give Herb this authorization.

Herb has been notified by the State that assistance will increase from 22 cents a mile to 25 cents for passengers and 55 cents to 56 cents for miles.

Herb reported on Federal and State Economic Development Programs. He state the Government will fund publicly owned infra structure to create new private sector jobs. The eligible areas are those that have high unemployment; Port Ewen, West Hurley, Ellenville.

Herb also reported on the Ice Tea Economic Program, which allows money for public transportation. New York State will get eleven million dollars to enhance transportation projects that usually would not be funded.

Chairman Sinagra suggested a couple of projects he would like Herb to submit for funding.

Chairman Sinagra asked that Herb write a letter to Appleton Associates pointing out his concern that by telling New York City residents to run their water before using it due to the lead content problem, may cause a drought later into the year.

## III. STOP DWI

Mary McMickle presented the agenda

Mary has recently completed a TIPS Training for two establishments that were having difficulty getting insurance. A breathtest school for part time officers was held the end of July. All 23 attends passed the course.

Mary has been contacted by Drunk Driving Program at UCCC, asking STOP DWI to sponsor a training for Magistrates so they will better understand the purpose of the DDP Program. STOP DWI has purchased

DARE supplies to be distributed to various schools in Ulster County.

Effective November 1992, there will be an increase in the fine schedule for DWI's and DWAI's. Therefore, Mary will amend the 1993 budget in the amount of \$37,300.00. Of this amount, \$22,300. will be used to fund another Assistant District Attorney, \$10,000. will go into programs, as New Paltz and Saugerties have asked to be considered for funding for 1993, \$5,000 will be used for a Media campaign. The remainder will go into the General Fund.

Mary is looking into starting a pilot program for a media campaign. She would like to reach the 25-45 age group, by running a 60 second spot each morning between 6am to 9 am. She has checked the Arbitron ratings and found that the station in this area that fits those demographics, Q92 in Poughkeepsie. She has contacted them and asked for a proposal. Due to the nature of the program, for every spot purchased, they will give a free one. Therefore, two spots will run daily.

The STOP DWI Advisory Board will meet September 15 and 16 to review funding proposals for 1993. A meeting is scheduled for September 17th with Administration to review the budget for 1993.

After approval is received on the 1993 budget, the Program Plan will be ready for the review of the committee.

Legislator Provenzano moved and Legislator Sottile seconded that the committee go into executive session to discuss personnel issues and salary increase at 8:55 p.m. Legislator Provenzano moved and Legislator Gerentine seconded that committee come out of executive session at 9:15 p.m.

#### IV. INFORMATION SERVICES

Joe Lemme presented the agenda

Joe presented his budget to the committee for review. The budget includes personnel reorganization of his department at a cost savings to the county. If his plan is rejected, or any part removed from the 1993 budget, an offsetting increase in maintenance and lease rental will need to be made. A discussion was held regarding reorganization of the department. Two positions will be cut, and position titles will be changed to more appropriately define staff member's work and will focus on the services provided. Joe defined the positions and the responsibilities of each as they would be under his reorganization plan. Chairman Sinagra asked the committee to review the budget

and if there are questions, Joe will attend the October meeting at 7:30 p.m. to address the concerns.

Legislator Gerentine moved and Legislator Sottile seconded that meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip J. Sinagra  
Chairman