

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE REPORT

NAME OF COMMITTEE: General Services Committee

DATE: May 18, 1992

TIME: 7:30 PM

PLACE: Legislative Chambers

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Philip J. Sinagra,
Legislators Bertone, Provenzano,
Tipp. Gerentine (late)

LEGISLATORS EXCUSED; Sottile, Naccarato

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary McMickle, STOP DWI, Joe Lemme, Infor-
nation Services, Harry Castiglione, Board
of Elections, Herb Hekler, Planning Board.
Legislator Bob Cranston, Barbara Applegate,
Secretary

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

STOP DWI

Mary presented her agenda.

Mary introduced three resolutions. (1) a resolution to Continue
Ulster County Task Force Patrol Funding, Second Half 1992, in the
amount of \$9000.00. Authorizing Letter of Agreement. (2) a
resolution to Enter into Agreement with Municipalities for STOP-
DWI Task Force Patrols for Second Half 1992, in the amount of
\$25,975.00. (3) a resolution Amending 1992 Ulster County Budget,
Transfer of Funds. \$20,000.00 from General Fund balance, STOP
DWI, to Equipment Account. Also, transfer of \$25,975 from General
Fund balance, STOP DWI, to DWI Programs. Total Financial Impact

\$45,975.00. Moved by Legislator Tipp, seconded by Legislator Provenzano. No discussion. Unanimously carried, All present voting in favor (Legislators Bertone, Provenzano, Tipp, Sinagra) (Legislators Gerentine, Sottile, Naccarato not present)

Mary reported on various training seminars. A mock trial training was held at the Fallsview Hotel May 6th. Fifty officers attended. A Servers Academy is scheduled June 22nd at the Holiday Inn in Kingston. A Court Clerk's Seminar will be held in June. A Breathalyzer School for part time officers will be scheduled some time in July.

Mary has recorded a series of Public Service Announcements pertaining to after prom parties and graduation parties. The spots are running on ten stations in Ulster and Dutchess counties.

II. INFORMATION SERVICES

Joe Lemme presented his agenda.

Joe introduced a resolution to Amend Subscriber Access Agreement. Moved by Legislator Bertone, seconded by Legislator Gerentine. Following discussion. Unanimously carried. (Legislators Bertone, Gerentine, Provenzano, Sinagra, Tipp all in favor) (legislators Sottile, Naccarato not present).

Joe discussed subscriber access expansion. He has been working with Ulster County Board of Realtors to offer the county subscriber access service to at least 20 new subscribers. He has met that goal easily, and would be able to add more. The county will reduce their charge backs to these Realtors for at least one year, and they agree to remain as customers for at least one year.

New York State Project - Records Management
Ulster County agreed to perform work for the State of New York in the area of Records Management. Three counties are involved in this project; Schoharie, Orange and Ulster. All three counties have worked together to design a Records Management Inventory System. In addition to the design phase, Ulster County will convert the programming to the AS/400 platform of computers. Ulster County hopes to generate at least \$15,000 from this endeavor.

Information Services is working on the installation of two AS/400 processors, one in the Sheriff's Office, the other in County Clerk Office. The Sheriff will run Public Safety Software for Jail Management and Police Records, the County Clerk will run cash receipting software with cash drawers and receipt printers. Both

installations are on schedule. Target date for clerk implementation is August 1st, Sheriff September 1st.

Currently one RS/6000 is being installed for Mental Health. This processor will run a full compliment of software for the Mental Health Department, from administration to client services. The project is on schedule, target date for implementation is September 1st.

Joe reviewed the status of other projects. All are on time. Joe also reviewed operations activity of the data center for month of April. Joe stated that the goal of Information Services is to make it a stand alone operation for the county.

III. BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Harry Castiglione presented the agenda.

Harry reported the presidential primary was held on April 7th. Approximately 8,288 democrats voted. Ulster County turnout was 35%, which was one of the best turnouts in the state. Statewide turnout was 26%. Chairman Sinagra asked Harry to contact each town to determine how much was spent on the primary. Harry reported there are 160 polling districts, 640 inspectors and 45 custodians.

Harry further reported that the political calendar is in limbo. Re-districting is in the courts, lines have not been made in the districts.

Harry briefly discussed some of the items that were on the agenda at the State Board meeting in Albany. Among them; congressional districts, political calendar, new things on registration.

Total new registrations this year to date 3,956.

IV. PLANNING BOARD

Herb presented his agenda.

Herb reported on route changes for UCRT. The change in the Gardiner-Marlboro route will start June 1st. Saugerties - Kingston run starts June 15th with a 7:00 am bus leaving Grand Union; 7:30 am leaving Dietz Stadium. Herb will check with Met Life to verify when they will be in the building in Lake Katrine.

Chairman Sinagra asked Herb to check into the feasibility of

providing service to New Paltz Public Health Dept. a few times a day. Herb will report back on this.

Herb presented the quarterly report for UCRT operations. There were revenue increases in the first quarter. Increases were also noted in passengers, mileage and fares for first quarter. There was a total revenue increase of \$4,240.62 for first quarter.

UCRT has done well during the first quarter compared to the other operations.

Herb introduced a resolution authorizing chairman of legislature to sign agreements with municipalities within county excepting from review by County Planning Board residential area variances involving side and rear yard lot line requirements. Moved by Legislator Gerentine, seconded by Legislator Bertone. No discussion. Unanimously carried (Legislators Bertone, Gerentine, Provenzano, Sinagra, Tipp in favor) (Legislators Naccarato, Sottile absent).

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Legislator Cranston asked if he could have a copy of the budget on disc. Chairman Sinagra said the information should be in Bill Dawark's office. Also, since the budget is constantly changing it would be difficult to keep the information current, if there were several discs circulating around the county.

Chairman Sinagra read a response from the letter he wrote to the State of New York regarding the right-to-know law. The letter stated our thoughts would be taken under advisement and shared with the Attorney General's office. Phil will respond to the letter received once again stating the feelings of Ulster County.

Chairman Sinagra shared with the committee a list he has received from various departments stating things that need to be cut from the budget. One savings method that has been made, is in typewriter repairs. Previously there were different vendors repairing typewriters for various departments. Now there is one vendor for each department, with a charge back to the department for repairs. There has been a savings so far of \$10,430.00.

Chairman introduced a resolution to change the number of members on the Ethics Committee from three to five. Moved by Legislator Provenzano, seconded by Legislator Bertone. No discussion. Unanimously carried. (Legislators Bertone, Gerentine, Provenzano, Sinagra, Tipp in favor) (Legislators Naccarato and Sottile absent).

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip J. Sinagra
Chairman
General Services Committee