



Dear Editor;

The recent newspaper article concerning the chairmanship and duties of the Allegany County Legislative County-Owned Property Committee prompts me to express my reason for seeking to be relieved of the duties of chairman of this committee, after having served as chairman for over nine years.

This committee has the responsibility for all of the County buildings with the exception of the Highway Shop in Friendship and District Highway Shops. It has charge of the fire and liability insurance program and direct responsibility for the maintenance staff at the county buildings in Belmont and Angelica.

Many day-to-day, on-the-spot decisions must be made in operating this building complex. The maintenance staff of the former county jail and courthouse have been empowered to make purchases of up to \$100 without prior committee approval. These purchases were signed for by the person making the purchase and submitted to the committee for payment at its regular monthly meeting.

Larger emergency purchases require committee approval. For purchases of this nature, the maintenance foreman would contact me. If I felt a committee meeting was necessary, a meeting would be held or the committee contacted by telephone for members' ap-

proval or disapproval.

An annual budget for this committee was established as part of the county's expenditure and it is with pride that I can point out that the committee has not overexpended its budget and on many occasions has had funds to return to the County Treasurer.

My resignation from the committee came about in the following way.

With the construction of the new office building and the transferring of the maintenance staff from Angelica to Belmont, the maintenance staff rose to line. With this number of workers, and the responsibility of a multi-million dollar complex, the Board of Legislators felt that it was necessary to create the position of a building maintenance supervisor to oversee the daily operation of the County Buildings. This position requires that a person filling it has charge of the maintenance personnel and complete charge of the county building in all maintenance procedures. This position also demands that the person filling it be someone with a thorough knowledge of building cleaning practices; supplies and equipment; good knowledge of the tools; a working knowledge of the operation and maintenance of an automatic boiler; ability to plan and supervise the work of others; ability to get along well with others; good judgement; experience in cleaning and maintenance work and experience in mechanical and construction trades.

I concurred with the board's feelings that a maintenance supervisor with the proper background would be a big help to the County.

Owned Property Committee and would aid in relieving me, as the chairman, of many of the day-to-day decisions.

Thirteen persons applied for the position, many with qualifications in excess of that required for the job.

These applicants were interviewed by the County-Owned Property Committee on Dec. 23, 1976. One of the applicants for the post was Legislator Leonard Watson. His background in building maintenance and operation was limited to his observations as chairman of the special building committee which was appointed by the Board of Legislators to construct the new county office building. Mr. Watson was informed by me at this meeting that I did not think it proper for a fellow legislator to compete for any appoint-

ed county position that he helped to create. He was also informed that there is a vast difference in competing for an appointed position and going to the electorate and being voted into office by the voters of the county or district.

I felt that I had placed myself in an untenable position by being the one to state to Mr. Watson that I could not support his application and at that time and meeting and in front of Mr. Watson, and the County-Owned Property Committee, I requested a change in the chairmanship of the committee.

A well-qualified man, Mr. Peter Unfus of Belfast, was appointed to this position by the County-Owned Property Committee on Jan. 3, 1977. This appointment was my last official act as chairman.

I sincerely believe that this committee of the Board of Legislators with Mr. Unfus and a dedicated maintenance staff will perform well in 1977.

In a recent newspaper article, Mr. Watson made reference to removal of a partition in the former legislative chamber. As originally planned, this room was to be divided by folding partitions that could be adjusted to allow for space needs. Instead, a permanent partition was erected within a few feet of the dias in the room, which would allow no use of this room without removal of the dias. With the removal of the dias, wall changes would be required where it was removed and the floor would have to be carpeted. During a conference, the Chairman of the Board, Harland Hale, Majority

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how to save on long distance by pre-planning

Holly Thiemann, Long Distance Operator, suggests you plan your long distance calls in advance... jot down what you want to say... tell your party your call is long distance... and use your watch to keep track of time. Advanced planning cuts time and costs.

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