

# Local Officials Critical Of Planned Probation Takeover

BY DEBORAH WIGHT  
 Partial state takeover of probation services now run by counties, including St. Lawrence, will go before the New York State Legislature within the next month as proposed by Gov. Mario Cuomo in his state-of-state message several weeks ago.  
 "The details will be spelled out then," said Gary Fryer, a member of Cuomo's staff in the governor's Albany office, last week. But even without those details, it appears that the proposal is headed for some criticism from local probation officials, and state representatives.  
 State Senator H. Douglas Barclay said last week that he believes local county probation officers are taking "good care of" their departments now, and he sees no need for the partial state takeover.  
 "I'm not particularly happy about the governor's proposal, but neither are county departments in northern and upstate New York," Sen. Barclay said. "I'll have to look at the bill more carefully, and weigh the plus and minus aspects of it before I can decide whether or not I back it."  
 Subsidies are certain for upstate and northern New York areas, as well as for New York City, Barclay said, agreeing the latter will definitely reap more benefits.

"I don't believe, at this point, that the benefits across the state will outweigh the negatives," Barclay said.  
 "I'm concerned about the concept," Barclay said, "and who's controlling it."  
 Barclay said if he had to vote today, he would vote no.  
 Peter Phalen, director of the St. Lawrence County Probation Department, met last week with the county legislature's community services committee to discuss the "pros and cons" of the governor's proposal.  
 The recently proposed state handling of probation cases concerns only felony cases, involving more serious crimes, as compared to misdemeanors.  
 Both degrees — and everything in between — are currently under the jurisdiction of individual county probation departments across the state.  
 "The state will take over jurisdiction of parolees," Fryer said, "with the ultimate aim of helping probation departments throughout New York State."  
 Fryer said handling of felony probation cases is a statewide concern, not one confined to New York City where problems are more evident and obvious.

As Cuomo's spokesperson, Fryer said that one of the major problems across the state is overcrowded jails.  
 "There seems to be a reluctance on the part of judges to use parole as an alternative to incarceration," he said.  
 Judges apparently feel, Fryer said, that current parole cases are not being adequately, effectively dealt with.  
 He said partial state takeover of probation services will benefit prisoners as well as the general public.  
 "The governor's plan is to implement a program that more adequately and uniformly handles felony cases," Fryer said, "one that assures better protection and more thorough coverage."  
 Cuomo's primary objective is to provide alternate action to imprisoning persons convicted of felony crimes, Fryer said.  
 Many persons are jailed, Fryer said, when they could otherwise be dealt with through parole, probation procedures.  
 "But we cannot make any speculations at this point," he said. "And details of Cuomo's plan cannot be announced at this point."  
 Regional Offices Possible  
 According to some reports, the governor's proposed state takeover would entail establishing regional of-

fices across the state that would handle the felony cases.  
 One regional office could take over jurisdiction of six North Country counties' felony-convicted persons if the bill passes the state legislature.  
 A concern of county probation departments seems to be staff and funding cuts due to losses in the number of cases each currently handles.  
 County probation department officials have not faced staff-cuts recently experienced in New York City's department.  
 State takeover of felony case loads would allegedly help alleviate the burden in New York City, providing more effective services for caseworkers which now possibly handle some 200 cases per probation officer.  
 County staff cuts would not be limited to probation officers, but also to department investigators, secretaries and clerks.  
 At the present time, county probation officers supervise and oversee misdemeanors and felony cases in their respective counties. Concerns have been voiced on how a probation officer would effectively handle a case in Lisbon, for example, while working out of an office in Syracuse.



ON THE SLOPES — This family took to the slopes on sleds Sunday afternoon at Clarkson College's Woodstock Village hill. They were joined by sledding enthusiasts of all shapes and sizes, as the weather cleared and the sun shone. (Betty Baker photo)

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 By Order of the Board of Education, Potsdam Central School District, St. Lawrence County, N.Y.  
 42w4a January 12, 1984

**RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF COLTON**  
 A vacancy exists on the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Colton. Any person interested in being appointed to this position may send a letter of interest to the Town Board of the Town of Colton by February 8, 1984.  
 Elizabeth Ford Town Clerk  
 Dated: January 12, 1984  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 To the Republican voters of the Village of Potsdam, N.Y. You are hereby notified that a caucus of the Republican voters of the Village of Potsdam, N.Y., will be held in the basement lounge of the Civic Center, Potsdam, N.Y., at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 1984, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following village offices to be voted upon in the village election to be held on the 20th day of March, 1984: One (1) Mayor (1 yr. unexpired term); Two (2) Trustees (2 yr. term); One (1) Village Justice (4 yr. term) and for such other business as shall come before the caucus.  
 By the Republican Party Caucus Chairman,  
 Robert E. Dinello  
 Date: Jan. 10, 1984  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 To the Republican voters of the Village of Norwood, N.Y.:  
 You are hereby notified that a Caucus of the Republican voters of the Village of Norwood, N.Y., will be held in the Municipal Hall, Norwood, N.Y., at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 30, 1984, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following village offices to be voted upon in the village election to be held on the 20th day of March, 1984: Two (2) Village Trustees (2 yr. terms) and for conducting such other business as shall come before the caucus.  
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 Michael LaComb  
 For Town of Potsdam Republican Chairman  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 15-108 of the New York State Election Law, that a Democratic Party Caucus will be held at the Civic Center on Monday, Jan. 30, 1984, at 8:00 o'clock, in the Village of Potsdam, County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, for the purpose of nominating candidates to fill the following vacancies in village offices:  
 Mayor (1 yr. unexpired term); (2) trustees; village justice.  
 All duly enrolled members of the

Democratic Party in the Village of Potsdam are eligible to participate and vote.  
 Posting Date: Jan. 16, 1984  
 Jeffrey Belodoff Village Chairman  
 Democratic Committee  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 The Town Board of the Town of Pierrepont will hold their regular monthly meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and the public is cordially invited.  
 Kathryn Clark Town Clerk  
 Jan. 9, 1984  
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**ANNUAL TOWN OF STOCKHOLM SUPERVISOR'S REPORT YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1983**

FUNDS	Bal. 1-1-1983	Receipts	Payments	Bal. 12-31-1983
General — Town Wide	\$65,228.57	\$151,348.19	\$142,070.97	\$74,505.79
Highway Item I	28,156.47	97,176.83	122,277.88	3,055.42
Item 2	828.13	3,350.75	4,178.88	—
Item 3	19,544.85	56,089.65	43,299.38	32,335.12
Item 4	5,729.81	136,602.24	112,660.55	29,671.50
CHIPS	—	65,207.50	56,825.59	8,381.91
Federal Revenue Sharing	12,152.53	18,432.71	27,930.67	2,654.57
Winthrop Light District	00.00	6,500.00	5,352.40	1,147.60
West Stockholm Light Dist.	00.00	4,250.00	4,250.00	—
Saundersville Light Dist.	42.77	3,015.00	2,541.62	516.15
Stockholm Fire Pro. Dist.	250.00	2,070.00	20,450.00	500.00
Winthrop Sewer Collection Dist.	421.80	96,275.80	90,512.48	185.11
Recreation	34.34	21,359.50	21,270.43	123.41
Trust and Agency	00.00	108,471.98	108,471.98	—
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	\$132,389.27	782,780.15	782,092.84	153,076.58

**SUMMARY OF INDEBTEDNESS**

Outstanding	Principal	Interest	Outstanding	
1-1-1983	1983	1983	12-31-1983	
Winthrop Sewage Coll.	\$355,000.00	10,000.00	16,387.50	345,000.00

FREDA FRARY, CERTIFY that the Annual Report of the Supervisor for the year ending December 31, 1983, has been filed in my office and that the foregoing information which has been abstracted from such report represents a proper summary of the data contained therein.  
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