

REQUEST TO CALL SPECIAL MEETING

To the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors:

You are hereby directed to call a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Wayne County, New York, to be held in the Supervisors' Chambers in the Court House in the Town of Lyons, New York, on **Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.** for the following purposes:

- FIRST: The Board will meet then convene as a **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE** to discuss the Governor's Executive Order 203
- SECOND: To present a proposed resolution regarding the County taking action on the Governor's Executive Order 203
- THIRD: To hear, consider and act upon any other matter which may be brought to the Board in the same manner and to the same effect as if the Board were convened in regular session.

Dated at Lyons, New York
March 5, 2021

Kenneth F. Miller, Chairman
Wayne County Board of Supervisors

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

State of New York
Wayne County
Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Upon direction of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Wayne, I do hereby call a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Wayne County, New York, to be held in the Supervisors' Chambers in the Court House in the Town of Lyons, New York, on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., for the following purposes:

- FIRST: The Board will meet then convene as a COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE for discussion among board members to deliberate and finalize a Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan with regard to the Governor's Executive Order 203
- SECOND: To present a proposed resolution regarding the County taking action on the Governor's Executive Order 203
- THIRD: To hear, consider and act upon any other matter which may be brought to the Board in the same manner and to the same effect as if the Board were convened in regular session.

Dated at Lyons, New York
March 5, 2021

Sandra J. Sloane, Clerk
Wayne County Board of Supervisors

5th Day
Thursday, March 25, 2021
9:00 a.m.

Pursuant to call, a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held in their chambers in the Court House, Chairman Miller presiding.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Spickerman.

Upon roll call, all Supervisors were present except Supervisors Eynor, Lasher, Kolczynski and Verno who were absent this morning.

County Administrator Rick House and County Attorney Daniel Connors were also in attendance for this special board session called to order.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Prior to comments from the public, Chairman Miller took this opportunity to read the section of Rules of Order relating to Privilege of the Floor, noting that said Board procedures were adopted at the Organizational Board meeting held on January 4 of this year.

Chairman Miller requested the individuals that made the request to come forth to the podium to address the board with their comments regarding the Governor's Executive Order 203 and the draft copy prepared of the County plan.

Joann Salerno from Clyde addressed the Board. She was concerned in later County Reform and Reinvestment planning meetings the group was told there would not be many changes made to the draft plan. She understands change is hard and talked about other issues in society when change was implemented slowly and cautiously, but it was for the best. She stated change is serious and uncomfortable and people need to fight hard for it. She requested Board members do better than approve the Plan that is before them today and at the least a resolution be issued by the Board to formally establish those subcommittees mentioned in Executive Order 203 and dates for them to report to the Board.

James Schuler, Assistant Director of Youth Advocate Programs Inc. of the Wayne County Office, said the Governor issued this Executive Order to make improvements between the community and law enforcement. Establishment of a Plan is not to increase biases and fear. The Board needs to review the Plan and take into consideration the many hours that were spent by the community and County officials for its development; their suggestions were not included in the Plan. He questioned if there is a way the Plan could be made better. He would like to see the Board make a formal commitment to continue to work on the Executive Order and continue to reimagine public safety in Wayne County. Those in our workforce now need to set an example for those entering the workforce. The Board needs to put forth an effort to follow through on the Plan.

Scott Comegys of Palmyra stated the reason the Governor issued this Executive Order was to give every municipality the opportunity to review their policies and procedures of their police agency. This should have provided Wayne County with an opportunity to build trust between all communities and law enforcement. Wayne County needs to demonstrate that no matter what the color of a person's skin they feel safe. The Plan before the Board today does not represent the work the community and public officials put into it. True changes within law enforcement can result in a stronger community. He requested consideration of amendments to the Plan that state it is a working document that commits to an anti-racist policy, supports the Sheriff's Office and its Deputies and establishes a timeline for implementation.

Rick Nudd of Palmyra said he was not here to defend the County's Police Reform and Reinvention Plan. The Plan is a beginning and needs to be submitted to the State by April 1st. He believes the Plan has a better chance of being implemented in Wayne County than it does of being read in Albany. The document is a Plan, a start. This is an opportunity for the community to work through the County's Public Safety Committee and Board of Supervisors to make our Sheriff's Office even better. He noted the Plan presented today is only for the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, other municipalities have developed their own plans.

Andy Correia, Wayne County Public Defender, stated many people originally thought the Governor's Executive Order was nonsense; municipalities are now realizing this is an opportunity. He does not support the Plan and has not been given the opportunity, as a

member of the Police Reform and Reinvention Planning Committee, to see the Plan that is under consideration today. There could be financial consequences if the Governor does not approve the Plan. Mr. Correia added he is disappointed that the Board missed an opportunity to improve relationships between the community and law enforcement. The Plan does not address issues raised in the Executive Order. He volunteered to be involved with any further development of a Plan or to be on any group that will continue the work of this Plan.

Chairman Miller thanked the public for their comments this morning.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mr. Verkey moved, seconded by Mr. Chatfield that the Board convene as a Committee of the Whole at 9:24 a.m. Carried.

Supervisor Scott Johnson thanked everyone who work hard putting this document together. He was elected to serve his entire town and his constituents are not in favor of the Plan submitted today. He is underserving his constituents if he votes in favor of the Plan today. He does not believe adequate time was spent on Plan development.

Supervisor Susie Jacobs said in representation of Walworth and the entire County she will not vote in favor of the Plan today. She noted many members of the Board have not even reviewed the document and she thinks too much commitment detail is missing. She had only attended a few planning committee sessions; however, has read the minutes from meetings and realized this document would require a great deal of detail. The Plan before the Board today is not well thought-out. There is a real possibility the County could lose out on State funding. Most of the talking points of the sub-committees did not make it into the Plan. There is work that can still be done. She questioned if the Plan should include a timetable for some actions. Mrs. Jacobs questioned where financial resources to implement the Plan will come from. She asked fellow Board members not to approve the Plan as submitted today.

Kim Leonard spoke. The Town of Macedon worked on their plan and is proud of it. She thanked all of those who participated on the planning committee and sub committees. This is a plan that needs to be adopted. There is no extension period. She suggested there be a master 203 committee established that will continue to oversee this plan and meet every 6 months with the Public Safety committee. This is a start and will pledged to vote YES if these statutes are in the plan. Personally, there are 4 supervisors missing today - only 11 present today. I would like to have review of the plan today and return for a vote on Monday. They will report to the Public Safety Committee and then the full Board of Supervisors.

County Attorney, Dan Connors, informed Supervisors if they vote down the request to approve the Plan today, they cannot bring back the same request for a second vote at a different meeting unless there are material changes to the document. Supervisors Robusto questioned if this is what *Roberts Rules of Order* says.

Chairman Miller said he has a concern about putting the resolution to adopt the Wayne County Sheriff's Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan on the floor today. He thanked those Supervisors that participated in attending the meetings regarding the Plan.

Chairman Ken Miller reiterated what speakers said today about the Police Reform and Reinvestment Plan, stating that the Board is committed to this Plan; however, there are other stakeholders that need to commit to the Plan as well.

Chairman Miller noted that forming a master committee is an excellent idea, continuing the work that has been started here.

There was discussion as to continuing the meeting later today for plan modifications and possibly adopting an acceptable resolution. After discussion, it was agreed that the meeting will continue at 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning, March 26.

REGULAR SESSION

Mrs. Leonard moved, seconded by Mrs. Bender that the Board resume regular session at 9:40 a.m. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Board will continue on **Friday, March 26, 2021 at 9:00 am.**
Mr. Verkey moved, seconded by Mr. Chatfield, that the board adjourn at 9:43 a.m. Carried.

Sandra J. Sloane, Clerk, Wayne County Board of Supervisors