

6th Day  
Friday, March 26, 2021  
9:00 a.m.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment with Chairman Miller presiding, reconvening the meeting from the previous day to continue and move forward to possibly adopt a Wayne County Sheriff's Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan.

As directed by Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 203, this plan is due to Albany by April 1, 2021.

Supervisor Spickerman was requested to lead with reciting The Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call, all Supervisors were present except Supervisors Robusto, Kolczynski and Verno who were absent.

County Administrator Richard House and County Attorney Daniel Connors were also present for this morning session.

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Chairman Miller requested a motion for the Board to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 9:12 a.m. Mrs. Jacobs moved, seconded by Mr. Chatfield, motion carried.

Chairman Miller took this opportunity to inform the Board and members of the public, that following the meeting yesterday, he requested to meet with Undersheriff Fosdick, George Bastedo, County Attorney Dan Connors and County Administrator Rick House to make revisions to the proposed Wayne County Sheriff's Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan by incorporating acceptable changes to be made for possible Board adoption.

The Chairman noted that these revisions had been made due to the reaction from all the public comments received. There have been many changes made to this plan; and this oversight group worked diligently to get the job done. He indicated that this updated plan will be posted on Wayne County websites and discussed at the next Public Safety committee.

Chairman Miller requested that Andy Correia, Wayne County Public Defender and a member of the Executive Order 203 Planning Committee, to please come forth and address the Board.

Mr. Correia noted that he was able to review the modifications made to the plan and was happy that this Board had agreed to address the racial problems that exist in our communities and to commit to change.

Mr. Correia commented on the improved plan updates and stated that he supports this plan as long as the required supervision and commitment is made to follow through.

Supervisor Jacobs commented that this updated plan is now more professional and better for submission to Albany. She shared her concerns regarding the county's financial commitment and potential budget cuts from Albany if the plan is rejected.

Supervisor Groat questioned the expense of record management, noting that funding is needed for offsetting the cost of these important programs for 24/7 operation.

Chairman Miller requested Undersheriff Fosdick and George Bastedo to respond to the questions of records management. They reported that their offices had been working with Monroe County for over four years now, seeking improvements to the County's RMS system. The intent is to research for software for an integrated format to cohesively work all of the programs together for better communication to share this important data with all first responders and agencies in our municipalities.

Supervisor Johnson noted that he will support this plan if certain stipulations are added, as well as to include the establishment of a Wayne County Executive Order 203 Independent Advisory Plan Committee, as outlined in Supervisor Leonard's previous recommendations.

**RECESS**

A recess was requested at 9:40 a.m. for the Clerk to modify the proposed resolution to include the requested changes and an additional RESOLVED clause to establish a Wayne County Executive Order 203 Independent Advisory Plan Committee.

**RESUME MEETING**

The Committee of the Whole session resumed at 9:58 a.m. The Clerk distributed an updated version of the proposed resolution to board members for their consideration for presentation.

Chairman Miller thanked everyone for their constructive efforts in getting these updates drafted and ready for presentation today.

James Haitz, Director of the Wayne County DMH/Behavioral Health Network requested to address the board to clarify and update the title of the Wayne County Open Access Center – Mobile Crisis Intervention Team Response Services. It was agreed that these modifications were to be made to the plan, as requested.

**REGULAR SESSION**

By motion of Mr. Emmel, seconded by Mr. Chatfield, the Board concluded the Committee of the Whole session and resumed regular board session at 10:07 a.m. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Chatfield that one (1) resolution be allowed on the floor under Other Business. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted aye. Absent – Supervisors Robusto, Kolczynski and Verno. Motion Carried.

Prior to presentation of the resolution, Supervisors Leonard and Jacobs thanked all involved for their hard work and effort in putting together this Plan.

**RESOLUTION NO. 172-21: ADOPT WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF'S REFORM AND REINVENTION COLLABORATIVE PLAN**

Mr. Miller presented the following:

WHEREAS, The Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative was directed by Governor Cuomo's Executive Order No. 203 of June 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, all municipalities in New York State that have police forces are required to participate and submit a written plan to the State by April 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, if communities fail to submit a written plan, their funding could be withheld by the NYS Department of Budget; and

WHEREAS, this process was structured, according to the guidelines provided in the New York State Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative, requiring community input and participation, along with an assessment of policing policies; and

WHEREAS, Wayne County understands that maintaining public safety is extremely important and is one of the essential roles of government. In order to achieve that goal, there must be mutual trust and respect between police and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Wayne County has followed the guidelines of the Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative in the following ways:

- Reviewed the needs of the community served by the Wayne County Sheriff's Office and evaluated the Department's current policies and practices.
- Established and evaluated policies that allow police to safely perform their duties.
- Involved the entire community in hosting several informational and engagement sharing sessions beginning on August 19, 2020 and continuing through March 23, 2021.

- Comments and recommendations were received from the public.

and

WHEREAS, in the pursuit of racial equality in Wayne County, we reinforce our belief that all lives matter; and

WHEREAS, the Wayne County Board of Supervisors has read, reviewed, and agreed with the information presented in the Plan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Wayne County Board of Supervisors accepts and adopts the Wayne County Sheriff's Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Wayne County Board of Supervisors hereby establishes a Wayne County Executive 203 Independent Advisory Plan Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, upon adoption of this resolution, will send the Wayne County Sheriff's Reform and Reinvention Collaborative Plan to the New York State Department of Budget by the established deadline for full compliance.

Mr. Chatfield moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Lasher.

Mrs. Jacobs thanked everyone; and noted that this is a work in progress.

Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted Aye. Absent – Supervisors Robusto, Kolczynski and Verno. The Chairman declared the Resolution adopted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The next scheduled meeting of the Board is Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Leonard, that the board adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Carried.

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