

REQUEST TO CALL SPECIAL MEETING

To the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors:

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FIRST: Authorization for the Wayne County Board of Supervisors to support an immigration reform bill that includes a guest worker provision for agriculture.

SECOND: 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 30, 2006

James D. Hoffman, 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

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Debbie Ann Liseno, Clerk
Wayne County Board of Supervisors

6th Day
Thursday, April 6, 2006
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The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held in their chambers in the Court House, Chairman Hoffman presiding.

Upon roll call, all Supervisors were present, except Supervisors Jenkins, Lyon and Park who were absent. County Attorney Daniel Wyner and Interim-County Administrator Keith Kubasik were also present.

Mr. Jerry Youngman, President of the Wayne County Farm Bureau, addressed the Board regarding a proposed Guest Worker Immigration Reform Program now being debated in the United State Congress. He is requesting support for a resolution and subsequent letters to Washington regarding his organization's support for the inclusion of a guest worker program for agriculture.

Mr. Youngman thanked the Board for convening this special meeting to address this very important issue.

There was some discussion regarding the purpose of the resolution and the educational funding and programs that are available and being utilized in Wayne County.

RESOLUTION NO. 225-06: AUTHORIZATION FOR WAYNE COUNTY TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE IMMIGRANT LABOR REFORM BILL

Mr. LeRoy presented the following:

WHEREAS, Wayne County is the second largest apple producing county in the United State and in addition, Wayne County has a large number of dairy, vegetable and nursery farms that rely heavily on off shore labor to perform the tasks needed to plant, cultivate and harvest the crops; and

WHEREAS, Wayne County Farmers and their employees, including migrant and seasonal labor spend their money locally and if a guest worker provision for agriculture is not included in the final immigration reform package, there will be a detrimental impact on the economy in Wayne County; and

WHEREAS, Wayne County Board of Supervisors supports the following provisions to be included in a final immigrant labor bill:

1. Provide an un-capped number of temporary worker visas that each lasts several years and is renewable multiple times but eventually ends.
2. Not impose more stringent requirements on agriculture than other sectors including housing, transportation payment guarantees and the hiring of workers after the contract period has begun.
3. Increase enforcement of immigration and nationality laws only as part of the temporary worker program; and offer a legitimate and fair opportunity for some agricultural workers already working in this country to apply for a permanent resident visa.
4. Oppose any legislation that tightens border security without creating a workable mechanism for agriculture labor needs.
5. Support an immigration reform program that includes agriculture, which would allow agricultural employers a legal and efficient means of employing seasonal and year round labor.
6. Support passage of legislation that reforms the H2a program and provides for an earned adjustment of status.

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RESOLVED, that the Wayne County Board of Supervisors supports recent favorable amendments to the Specter Immigrant Labor Legislation that recently was reported out of the Senate Judiciary Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to execute a letter, on behalf of the County of Wayne, to Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Senate Majority Leader William Frist and Congressman James Walsh requesting continued support for an immigration reform bill that includes a guest worker provision for agriculture.

Mr. Hammond moved, seconded by Mrs. Collier, that the resolution be amended to include Congressman James Walsh as well as Senate Majority Leader William Frist to receive copies of said letter. Upon roll call, carried.

Mr. Plant moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Young. Upon roll call, all Supervisors voted Aye. Absent – Supervisors Jenkins, Lyon and Park. The Chairman declared the Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 226-06: AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR THE BULLIS FOUNDATION GRANT

Mr. Molino presented the following:

WHEREAS, the Families and Communities Together Program (FACT), provides services for at risk youth to prevent of out-of home placement; and

WHEREAS, funding for the FACT program is comprised of state grants, school contracts and private foundation monies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Department of Aging and Youth request authorization to apply for Bullis Foundation funds in the amount of \$39,000 for the 2006/2007 school year to help support the Families and Communities Together (FACT) project.

Mr. Hammond moved the adoption of the resolution. Seconded by Mr. Fabino. Upon roll call, adopted.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next scheduled meeting of the Board is Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. DeSanto moved, seconded by Mrs. Bender, that the board adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Carried.

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