

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors  
Housing Sexually Violent Persons Meeting  
Thursday, September 16, 2021  
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114  
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

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Chair Carlo Nevicosi called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call was conducted and the following members were present, either in person or by remote attendance: Chair Carlo Nevicosi, Director-Health and Human Services (HHS) and Superintendent of Institutions; Vice Chair Michael Cotter, Corporation Council/Director-Land Use and Resource Management (LURM); Director-Information Technology (IT) Jackie Giller; Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Supervisor/Land Information Officer Dale Drayna; HHS Administrative Analyst Lisa Kadlec; and Deputy Director/County Conservationist-LURM Lindsay Motl; and Corrections Field Supervisor Penny Vogt. Contract Specialist-Advanced Supervised Release Program Bureau of Community Forensic Services Angela Serwa was absent. A quorum was declared.

**Others in Attendance**

County staff: County Administrator Mark W. Luberd; Walworth County Treasurer Valerie Etzel; and GIS Analyst Ben Hostetler.

Members of the Public: Scott Timm, Contract Specialist for Department of Health Services (DHS.)

**On motion by Director-Information Technologies (IT) Giller, second by Vice Chair Cotter, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.**

**On motion by Director-IT Giller, second by Health and Human Services Administrative Analyst Kadlec, the September 2, 2021 Housing Sexually Violent Persons meeting minutes were approved.**

**Public Comment** – There was none.

**Unfinished business**

7a. Task Updates regarding Housing Options for 980 Sexually Violent Persons

Chair Carlo Nevicosi stated since the last meeting he was successful in contacting the owner of a number of vacant group homes located within Walworth County. Nevicosi worked with Geographic Information System (GIS) Supervisor/Land Information Officer Dale Drayna to map the locations of the group homes and evaluate whether they would meet initial placement requirements, according to state statute. He also forwarded the owner's contact information to Contract Specialist for the Department of Health Services (DHS) Scott Timm. Timm affirmed he did speak with the landlord and provided him with information in regards to the Supervised Release Program. Timm offered to answer any questions in regards to how the program leases properties and start the conversation related to lease amounts. Timm is awaiting a return call from the landlord. Director-Information Technologies (IT) Jackie Giller suggested a timeframe be set for when the committee would expect to hear back from said landlord. Chair Nevicosi stated he believes a timeframe of one week from the meeting is fair.

Chair Nevicosi was also able to connect with one of the landlords that was provided on the list from Timm. This landlord stated his preference would be to purchase cheaper properties and rehabilitate them. He had concerns over some of the prices of the properties Nevicosi provided from the previous meeting.

Drayna stated he did scour a real estate website on Wednesday and found four new or different properties to add to the ongoing list. Drayna shared there are 17 total properties, new and/or old, to consider.

**New Business**

8a. Considering the use of foreclosure properties

Chair Nevicosi introduced Walworth County Treasurer Valerie Etzel to provide information in regards to the foreclosure process. Treasurer Etzel proceeded to detail the foreclosure process and timeframes. Discussion then focused on how the County would manage the property and the possibility of intergovernmental agreements. Corporation Counsel/Director-Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) along with County Administrator Mark W. Luberd collectively explained how such a plan would need to be presented to the County Board of Supervisors.

8b. Development of formal strategy for addressing placement needs

Nevicosi reiterated that the 120 day deadline to find placement for this Chapter 980 individual ends on October 12; and this agenda item is to formalize how the strategies this Committee has used will be portrayed in the report. The Committee highlighted the following topics to be included:

- Drayna will compile a bullet point list including all steps utilized in creating GIS layers
- Discussing merits of properties as a Committee
- Tracking which properties were considered with a running tally of total number considered
- Explanation of how boundaries were established; ie: White River Trail being excluded
- Contacting landlords possibly interested in leasing to a Chapter 980 individual
- List of possible properties shared with possible landlords
- Plan to engage the County Board of Supervisors gauging the possibility of utilizing foreclosure properties

8c. Development of document outlining Committee's efforts

Discussion ensued relative to language and content to be included within the report when it is forwarded to the judge.

9. The committee convened in closed session **at approximately 1:47 p.m. on motion and second by Director-IT Giller and Deputy Director/County Conservationist-LURM Motl** pursuant to the exemption contained in Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes, "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session," relative to the item(s) listed below. A roll call vote was conducted and all members present voted "aye." Walworth County Treasurer Val Etzel and GIS Analyst Ben Hotstetler remained in closed session. Corrections Field Supervisor Penny Vogt and Contract Specialist for DHS Scott Timm remained on the telephone.

- a) Community placement options for Anthony Teifke

**The Committee reconvened in open session at 2:11 p.m. on motion and second by Director-IT Giller and HHS Analyst Kadlec.**

**Vice Chair Cotter offered a motion, second by GIS Supervisor/Land Information Officer Drayna, to proceed as discussed in closed session on item a), above herein, to contact a local realtor to discuss the possibility they would be able to provide assistance in finding available properties within the County; and that Chair Nevicosi will bring unconventional housing options, along with providing an overview of the Housing Sexually Violent Persons Committee to a future meeting of the County Board of Supervisors or one of its sub-committees. Motion carried 7-0.**

**Confirmation of next meeting date and time:** The next meeting was confirmed for September 30, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

**Adjournment**

**On motion and second by GIS Supervisor/Land Information Officer Drayna and Director-IT Giller, Chair Nevicosi adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.**