

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Housing Sexually Violent Persons Meeting
Thursday, September 30, 2021
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

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; 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: Deputy Corporation Counsel Estee Scholtz; and GIS Analyst Ben Hostetler.

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

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

On motion by Director-IT Giller, second by Deputy Director/County Conservationist-Land Use and Resource Management (LURM) Motl, the September 16, 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 introduced Deputy Corporation Counsel Estee Scholtz. Scholtz shared that she appeared, on behalf of Walworth County, at a status update hearing for Anthony Teifke on September 20. Scholtz reported to the court that the Housing Sexually Violent Persons Committee is aware of the October 12 placement deadline and has met repeatedly over the past few months working towards finding a suitable residence. Scholtz shared that the court is aware of today's meeting; which resulted in the matter being continued to October 20. Discussion ensued relative to possible penalty fees if placement is not situated by the deadline. Corporation Counsel Michael Cotter voiced his disappointment in the County not being made aware of the hearing prior to the day it was scheduled. Cotter assured the Committee that since an appearance was made by his office there will be notifications of any subsequent hearings.

Cotter stated that clearly the Judge in this matter is monitoring the case and if the Committee fails to find suitable residence for the individual prior to October 12, a detailed letter will be necessary to explain the circumstances. Nevicosi stated he has started to compile the report for the court and plans to have a draft version for review early next week. Nevicosi commended GIS Supervisor/Land Information Officer Dale Drayna for submitting a detailed account of how maps were built along with how properties were included and/or eliminated. Nevicosi affirmed this will paint a clear picture that the Committee has been active and taking this task seriously.

Nevicosi shared that Chapter 980 has been added to the October 20 Health and Human Services Board meeting agenda in order to provide education relative to this Committee's purpose and lay the groundwork in the event additional County Board of Supervisors support becomes necessary.

Drayna stated a local realtor provided a list of eight new properties for sale. Drayna warned that all eight properties were very expensive and in his opinion not feasible options. Cotter pointed out that small tracks of farmland are very expensive in Walworth County which puts a unique burden on this Committee to find a residence that complies with state statute.

Timm reported he did speak to the group home owner and answered questions in regards to lease length, terms, and whether utilities were included. Timm stated that was on Tuesday and he is awaiting a return call to discuss a lease

amount. Discussion ensued relative to setting a deadline to hear back from the landlord; with Chair Nevicosi stating he would reach out to the landlord today.

8. The committee convened in closed session **at approximately 1:20 p.m. on motion and second by Director-IT Giller and HHS Administrative Analyst Kadlec** 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.” Deputy Corporation Counsel Estee Schultz 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 2:01 p.m. on motion and second by Vice Chair Cotter and Director-IT Giller.

Deputy Director/County Conservationist-LURM Motl offered a motion, second by Director-IT Giller, to require a response from the group home landlord as to whether he is interested in entering into a lease agreement with the State of Wisconsin by 5:00 p.m. on October 1, 2021. Motion carried 7-0.

Nevicosi reiterated that the newly identified properties did not meet requirements due to location and/or cost. He noted three properties from older discussions have remained as possibilities and there will be some investigation to determine whether there are children living on the adjacent properties. Discussion ensued.

Confirmation of next meeting date and time: The next meeting was confirmed for October 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

On motion and second by Director-IT Giller and Deputy Director/Land Conservationist LURM Motl, Chair Nevicosi adjourned the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Submitted by Jennifer Stinnett, Administrative Assistant. Meeting minutes were approved by the Housing Sexually Violent Persons Committee at the October 11, 2021 meeting.