

Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Housing Sexually Violent Persons Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 21, 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)/Superintendent of County Institutions; Vice Chair Michael Cotter, Corporation Counsel/Director-Land Use and Resource Management (LURM); Director-Information Technologies (IT) Jackie Giller; Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Supervisor/Land Information Officer Dale Drayna; and HHS Analyst Lisa Kadlec. Deputy Director/County Conservationist-LURM Lindsay Motl; Corrections Field Supervisor Penny Vogt; and Contract Specialist-Advanced Supervised Release Program Bureau of Community Forensic Services Angela Serwa were absent. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance

County Board Supervisor: Brian Holt

County Staff: GIS Analyst Ben Hotstetler

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

Vice Chair Cotter shared Lindsay Motl is no longer with Walworth County.

On motion by Vice Chair Cotter, second by HHS Analyst Kadlec, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by GIS Supervisor/Land Information Officer Drayna, second by Vice Chair Cotter, the October 11, 2021 Housing Sexually Violent Persons Committee meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment – There was none.

Unfinished business

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

Chair Nevicosi asked Vice Chair Cotter to recap the hearing for Anthony Teifke, that took place yesterday. Cotter stated the hearing was intended for the court to receive an update on placement due to the deadline of October 12 having passed. Cotter informed the judge of the work that had been performed and how close the Committee came to an agreement with a landlord, but that agreement fell through. The court asked the Public Defender if they would be willing to allow for a return date, in the future, in order to provide more time for the Committee to find a residence for Teifke. The Public Defender stated they would allow a 30 day extension and at that time may file a motion to fine the County up to \$1,000 per day (per statute) if a residence is not found.

Nevicosi referenced the discussion that took place at the Health and Human Services (HHS) Board meeting on this subject; stating the Board was supportive and appropriately concerned with this issue. Nevicosi informed the Board that he would develop a strategy including how to proceed with placement, and there would likely be financial implications.

The Committee proceeded to discuss possible strategies in order to move forward with placement; including:

- Buying a property to lease to the state
- Building on County-owned property
- Placement of a modular or mobile home on vacant property
- Temporary placement in a local motel until a property can be obtained

Scott Timm, Contract Specialist for Department of Health Services (DHS) gave details as to the length of time an individual spends in the supervised release program and what costs the individual is expected to offset; along with the criteria a residence must meet in order for the state to approve the placement.

Discussion ensued relative to the funds necessary to purchase a property.

Nevicosi stated he would develop a \$400,000 purchase budget to forward to the appropriate County Board of Supervisors Committee. Cotter advised building another budget that would address monthly utilities, insurance, and other expenses. Nevicosi stated he would reach out to the group home owner to obtain a figure on anticipated monthly expenses.

Vice Chair Cotter offered a motion, second by Director-IT Giller, to set the range, not to exceed \$400,000, to purchase a home; with additional monthly expenses as “to be determined” prior to submittal to the County Board of Supervisors. Motion carried 5-0.

Cotter reiterated that if anyone on the Committee doesn't agree with any suggested action, this is the time for debate. All attending Committee Members voiced their agreement with the direction the Committee is headed in.

8. The committee convened in closed session **at approximately 1:37 p.m. on motion and second by Vice Chair Cotter and Director-IT Giller** 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 items(s) listed below. A roll call vote was conducted and all members present voted “aye.” GIS Analyst Ben Hotstetler remained in closed session. Director-IT Jackie Giller 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 GIS Supervisor/Land Information Officer Drayna.

Vice Chair Cotter offered a motion, second by GIS Supervisor/Land Information Officer Drayna, to:

- **Contact the two landlords discussed in closed session for possibility of short or long term residency options for Mr. Teifke**
- **Provide the list of for sale properties to two individual landlords that have expressed interest in leasing to 980 clients**

Motion carried 5-0.

Confirmation of next meeting date and time: The next meeting was confirmed for Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion and second by Director-IT Giller and HHS Analyst Kadlec, Chair Nevicosi adjourned the meeting at 2:14 p.m.