

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors**  
**Housing Sexually Violent Persons Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 28, 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)/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; HHS Administrative Analyst Lisa Kadlec; and Corrections Field Supervisor Penny Vogt (audible at 1:02 p.m.) Contract Specialist-Advanced Supervised Release Program Bureau of Community Forensic Services Angela Serwa was absent. There is one vacant position. A quorum was declared.

**Others in Attendance**

County Staff: GIS Analyst Ben Hotstetler.

**On motion by GIS Supervisor/Land Information Officer Drayna, second by Director-IT Giller, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.**

**On motion by Vice Chair Cotter, second by HHS Administrative Analyst Kadlec, the October 21, 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 Carlo Nevicosi shared that he has created a resolution to present to the County Board; requesting authorization to create a budget to purchase a property using the contingency fund. This resolution will appear on the Public Works, Health and Human Services (HHS), and Finance Committee agendas in November. If the resolution passes in committee it will appear on the County Board of Supervisors meeting agenda for December 7.

Chair Nevicosi stated the two landlords, discussed in the previous meeting, both declined entering into a lease agreement to place a Chapter 980 individual in one of their rentals.

Chair Nevicosi was informed that Como Cabins would be a residence the state may be agreeable to leasing, but the owner of the property is not interested in entering into a lease agreement.

Nevicosi spoke with the owner of the Thomas Motel, who stated he would be interested in leasing to a Chapter 980 individual, but there is no availability at the motel as of Tuesday.

Nevicosi had discussions with the owner of the Brotoloc group home facility, and the owner would be willing to work out a purchase with the County if the current interested buyer falls through. The Brotoloc owner also stated he would be willing to lease the facility to the state while the county works through the purchase process.

Discussion ensued relative to the Thomas Motel, concerning: costs, the difficulty in the state supervising from the location, and the possibility of other renters coming in that may have children. Vice Chair Cotter

encouraged that the Supervisor whose district the Thomas Motel is located should also be notified of this plan for placement.

Discussion then focused on how other more densely populated counties are addressing Chapter 980 placements.

Chair Nevicosi reiterated that the Committee is not necessarily making the decision, but a recommendation. If the state doesn't view the Thomas Motel as an appropriate placement, they will argue against it, and Judge Reddy will render a decision.

8. The committee convened in closed session **at approximately 1:24 p.m. on motion and second by Vice Chair Cotter 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 items(s) listed below. A roll call vote was conducted and all members present voted "aye." GIS Analyst Ben Hotstetler remained in closed session. Chair Nevicosi; Director-IT Jackie Giller; and Corrections Field Supervisor Penny Vogt remained on the telephone.

- a) Community placement options for Anthony Teifke

**The committee reconvened in open session at 1:58 p.m., on motion and second by Director-IT Giller and HHS Administrative Analyst Kadlec.**

**Vice Chair Cotter offered a motion, second by HHS Administrative Analyst Kadlec, to proceed as discussed in closed session on item a), above herein, and to:**

- **Contact local law enforcement to perform an evaluation of the Thomas Motel for the placement of Mr. Teifke on a short term basis**
- **Draft a letter to the Department of Health Services (DHS) copying Mr. Teifke's attorney, the Wisconsin Attorney General's Office, and Judge Reddy informing them of the plan to place Mr. Teifke at the Thomas Motel**
- **Maintain contact with the owner of the Thomas Motel to inform the committee when a room becomes available**
- **Contact the County Board Supervisor for the north side of Elkhorn**
- **Reach out to the owner of the properties identified as #1 and #2 to learn information on the neighborhood of the two properties**
- **If able to pursue properties #1 and #2, contact the Walworth County Sheriff's Office to do a full evaluation of both properties**
- **Conduct a light review of the property identified as #3, without making immediate contact with the current owner**
- **Pursue the purchase of properties #1, #2, and/or #3 after receiving approval from the full County Board of Supervisors to acquire those properties**

Cotter requested a GIS overlay of the county supervisory districts in comparison to the properties being considered for purchase for the next meeting.

Drayna confirmed the Thomas Motel is located in Supervisor Ingersoll's district. Chair Nevicosi stated he would reach out to inform her of the possible placement plan.

**Confirmation of next meeting date and time:** The next meeting was confirmed for Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

**On motion and second by Director-IT Giller and HHS Administrative Analyst Kadlec, Chair Nevicosi adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.**

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