

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Housing Sexually Violent Persons Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 11, 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; HHS Administrative Analyst Lisa Kadlec; and Corrections Field Supervisor Penny Vogt. 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: County Administrator Mark W. Luberda; and GIS Analyst Ben Hotstetler.

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

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

On motion by Director-IT Giller, second by HHS Administrative Analyst Kadlec, the October 28, 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 stated he submitted a letter to Judge Reddy, the Department of Health Services (DHS), the Attorney General's Office, and Mr. Teifke's defense counsel outlining the plan to utilize the Thomas Motel as a short-term placement option while a permanent solution is established. Mr. Teifke's next hearing is scheduled for Wednesday November 17. Nevicosi shared that there is not a vacant room in the motel as of yet.

Nevicosi spoke with the City of Elkhorn Police Chief giving an overview of the placement situation along with long and short-term plans.

Nevicosi contacted County Board Supervisor Kathy Ingersoll whose district the Thomas Motel is located; stating she was supportive of the Committee's efforts to put together a long term placement plan.

Nevicosi proceeded to detail the status of the three properties identified in the last meeting; sharing the following:

- Property #1: has been sold
- Property #2: has several children living in an adjacent property
- Property #3: requested the Sheriff's Office to perform a full assessment of the property, which will take place tomorrow.

Nevisosi reiterated that a resolution requesting funds to purchase a property will appear on agendas for the Public Works and Finance Committees along with the Health and Human Services Board meeting next week.

Discussion then focused on the hearing next week and what may transpire due to the Committee not having an acceptable residence at that time. Contract Specialist for DHS Scott Timm shared he has yet to see a judge fine their own county in a circumstance such as this.

8. The committee convened in closed session **at approximately 1:11 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 items(s) listed below. A roll call vote was conducted and all members present voted "aye." County Administrator Mark W. Lubberda and GIS Analyst Ben Hotstetler remained in closed session. Contract Specialist for DHS Scott Timm and Corrections Supervisor Penny Vogt remained on the telephone.

- a) Community placement options for Anthony Teifke

The committee reconvened in open session at 1:41 p.m. on motion and second by HHS Administrative Analyst Kadlec and Director-IT Giller.

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 the Sheriff's Office to investigate the four properties identified. Motion carried 6-0.

Confirmation of next meeting date and time: The next meeting was confirmed for Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion and second by Director-IT Giller and HHS Administrative Analyst Kadlec, Chair Nevisosi adjourned the meeting at 1:44 p.m.