

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Housing Sexually Violent Persons Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 6, 2022
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 Administrative Analyst Lisa Kadlec. Corrections Field Supervisor Penny Vogt and Contract Specialist-Advanced Supervised Release Program Bureau of Community Forensic Services Angela Serwa were absent. There is one vacant position. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance

County Staff: Walworth County Detective Kirk Dodge; 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 GIS Supervisor/Land Information Officer Drayna, second by Vice Chair Cotter, the December 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 stated the landlord discussed last month continues to be engaged and is actively sending property addresses to be considered under the parameters of state statute. Chair Nevicosi recapitulated that the fully vetted property is still on the market, but lower offers made by the landlord have not been accepted.

Chair Nevicosi shared that the time has come to draft a status update and file it with the court regarding placement for Mr. Teifke. He voiced concern that no progress with placement has been made since the last hearing, and expects the defense attorney to be less than pleased. Chair Nevicosi has agendized the placement of Mr. Teifke for the January 19, 2021 Health and Human Services (HHS) Board meeting. He is looking for guidance from the Board as to whether the Housing Sexually Violent Persons Committee should continue to pursue the landlord option with the increased risk of incurring fines from the court, or move forward with the County purchase of a property. Discussion followed in regards to the County possibly loaning the landlord the difference in his \$200,000 budget and the purchase price of the vetted property. GIS Supervisor/Land Information Officer Drayna noted that through his scraping of properties for sale, the only inventory that is on the market for less than \$200,000 is located within a city or village.

Discussion then focused on whether a property located less than 1,500 feet from a park could still be considered. Contract Specialist for the Department of Health Services (DHS) Scott Timm stated there have been court orders, in other counties, to allow placement that does not meet all state statute criteria.

8. The committee may discuss the following topic in open session. The committee convened in closed session **at approximately 1:32 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.” Walworth County Detective Kirk Dodge and 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 1:51 p.m. on motion and second by HHS Administrative Analyst Kadlec and GIS Supervisor/Land Information Officer Drayna.

Vice Chair Cotter offered a motion, second by GIS Supervisor/Land Information Officer Drayna, to send correspondence to Judge Reddy outlining circumstances that have occurred since the last hearing, and that it has been agendaized for discussion at the next Walworth County Health and Human Services (HHS) Board Meeting to discuss various options including purchasing a property under the previously agreed upon parameters established in Resolution No. 84-12/21 or continuing to work with an interested landlord.

Furthermore, Drayna is to expand property searches into cities and villages using the parameters established; and Chair Nevicosi is to discuss with the HHS Board the possibility of offsetting a property purchase price by giving a no interest loan to an interested landlord in order to bring the price within the landlord's price range, via a lien or mortgage on the property. Motion carried 5-0.

Vice Chair Cotter offered a motion, second by GIS/Land Information Officer Drayna, to proceed with placing an offer on the property discussed in closed session based upon price parameters also discussed in closed session. Motion carried 5-0.

Confirmation of next meeting date and time: The next meeting was confirmed for Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion and second by HHS Administrative Analyst Lisa Kadlec and GIS Supervisor/Land Information Officer Drayna, Chair Nevicosi adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.