

RICHLAND COUNTY CHAPTER 980 COMMITTEE

June 12, 2019

A meeting of the Richland County Chapter 980 Committee was held at 2:00 p.m. on June 12, 2019 in the Main Conference Room of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Members Present: Tracy Thorsen, Mike Bindl, Benjamin Southwick, Scott Timm (by phone), and Mary Collins Johnsrud (by phone).

Members Absent: Lynn Newkirk.

Others Present: Meghan Rohn.

Approve Agenda and Posting: Motion by Benjamin Southwick, seconded by Mike Bindl to approve the agenda and proper posting. Motion carried.

Approve May 28, 2019 Richland County Chapter 980 Committee Minutes: Motion by Benjamin Southwick, seconded by Mike Bindl to approve the May 28, 2019 Richland County Chapter 980 Committee Minutes. Motion Carried.

Consideration of Housing Options for Impending Release of Sex Offender: Scott Timm updated the committee on the recent supervised release plan hearing that was held. The Department of Health Services provided a plan to place the offender in Ashland County and the primary purpose of the hearing was to review and potentially approve the plan. Scott Timm reported that the judge did approve the plan and ordered that the offender be placed in Ashland County on or before June 26, 2019. Benjamin Southwick questioned if a lease has been entered into with the Department of Health Services at this time. Scott Timm explained that a lease already exists for another offender living in the residence which is most likely why this location was chosen by the defense attorney. Clarification was given that while placement is moving forward in Ashland County, efforts need to continue on the part of this committee to find a placement in Richland County, however no penalties will be issued in the meantime.

Updates were given regarding ongoing efforts being made by the committee. Benjamin Southwick reported that he sent Joseph Kaul a letter inquiring about a single family home, however he has not received a response. He was also able to provide Mike Bindl with a list of the tax parcels the County is in the process of acquiring. Mike Bindl noted there are two properties that have residences on them, however they do not meet the necessary criteria regarding the buffer zone. The properties that do fall outside of the buffer area are vacant lots. Tracy Thorsen reported that she has been contacted by a gentleman interested in purchasing a property located on Anderson Lane and he was questioning if the property met the necessary criteria. After speaking with Lynn Newkirk, it was confirmed the property would in fact meet the necessary criteria. Tracy Thorsen provided Scott Timm with his information and they will try and make contract.

Adjourn: The next meeting was scheduled for June 24, 2019 at 1:00pm in the main conference room of the Community Services Building. Motion by Benjamin Southwick, seconded by Mike Bindl to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meghan Rohn

Confidential Administrative Secretary