

RICHLAND COUNTY CHAPTER 980 COMMITTEE

March 23, 2020

A meeting of the Richland County Chapter 980 Committee was held at 1:00 p.m. on March 23, 2020 via WebEx Virtual Meeting.

Members Present: Tracy Thorsen, Mike Bindl, Lynn Newkirk, Benjamin Southwick, and Scott Timm.

Members Absent: Mary Collins.

Others Present: Meghan Rohn, Dane Knable, and Clint Langreck.

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

Approve March 9, 2020 Richland County Chapter 980 Committee Minutes: Tracy Thorsen declared the March 9, 2020 Richland County Chapter 980 Committee Minutes approved.

Consideration of Housing Options for Impending Release of Sex Offender Richard Sugden: Benjamin Southwick discussed a piece of property that is currently owned by the County and is utilized by the Highway Department for sand. There is currently not building or water on the property however. An update was provided on the Bradshaw property located at 29629 County Hwy B. The County is still in the process of taking ownership of the property and after speaking with the County Treasurer, Ben Southwick explained it is likely the County will acquire the property sometime in late June. A letter was sent to the current owner of the property, who currently resides in Oregon, inquiring if they would be interested in entering into a lease agreement with the state. No response has been received at this time.

The timeline was reviewed and the deadline for the committee to located a residence was determined to be March 28, 2020. Discussion was held regarding the need to request an extension from the judge until the county has the opportunity to take ownership of the property located on County Hwy B. Ben Southwick noted he would be willing to draft a letter to the judge making such a request and bring it back to the committee for review. Motion by Benjamin Southwick, seconded by Lynn Newkirk that Benjamin Southwick draft a letter to Judge Rood requesting an extension until after the property located 29629 County Hwy B has been acquired by Richland County, and bring the letter back to the Chapter 980 Committee for review. Motion carried.

Benjamin Southwick explained that there was a request made by representatives of Mr. Sugden for an update on efforts being made by the committee to identify a residence. In the past the minutes from these committee meetings were provided when such requests were made, however Benjamin Southwick explained that he was able to provide them with a sufficient update.

Dane Knable updated the committee on the individual he has been in contact with who may potentially be interested in purchasing property with the intent of entering into a lease agreement

with the state. The individual has expressed concerns that the term of the lease is only for one year. Scott Timm explained that while the term of the lease is not negotiable, there is the option to renew the lease after that one-year period. It was also explained that there is room for negotiation on rent to make the lease more appealing. It was suggested Dane Kanable encourage the individual to contact Scott Timm directly so that any additional questions can be answered and he can be assured he has received all of the accurate information before making a final decision.

The date of the next meeting was scheduled for April 8th, 2020, at 1:30pm. Due to the recent Public Health Emergency, this meeting will be held via WebEx.

Adjourn: Motion by Benjamin Southwick, seconded Lynn Newkirk by to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meghan Rohn

Confidential Administrative Secretary