

RICHLAND COUNTY CHAPTER 980 COMMITTEE

July 10, 2019

A meeting of the Richland County Chapter 980 Committee was held at 1:00 p.m. on July 10, 2019 in the Main Conference Room of the Community Services Building, 221 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

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

Members Absent: Mike Bindl.

Others Present: Meghan Rohn.

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

Approve June 24, 2019 Richland County Chapter 980 Committee Minutes: Motion by Benjamin Southwick, seconded by Lynn Newkirk to approve the June 24, 2019 Richland County Chapter 980 Committee Minutes. Motion Carried.

Consideration of Housing Options for Impending Release of Sex Offender: Tracy Thorsen updated the committee on the potential purchase of the property located Anderson Lane and noted progress has come to a halt. While conducting the review of the property, local law enforcement spoke with the current owner of the property, and was unaware of the buyer's plan to lease the property once it was purchased. As a result, the current owner is no longer interested in selling the property if this is the intention. Tracy Thorsen discussed the role law enforcement needs to play when it comes to notifying the community and when that notification needs to take place. Unfortunately in this case this action may have taken place prematurely.

Scott Timm advised the committee to guide law enforcement as to what is required by statute. Typically notification would not occur until a location is approved through the court and at that time the court would decide what level of community notification would be required. Tracy Thorsen added clarification needs to be given regarding what is being requesting of law enforcement at this time in the process, which is only to reaffirm that the residence meets the statutory requirements.

Tracy Thorsen noted she received a second call as a result of the advertisements being run in the local papers, regarding a rental property located at 20750 Balsley Lane. Lynn Newkirk was asked to review the property and reported that it appears to meet the statutory requirements. Tracy Thorsen passed Scott Timm's contact information on to the caller, however he has not yet been contacted. Tracy Thorsen noted she will follow up with the individual to ensure they have no additional questions.

Adjourn: The next meeting was scheduled for July 26, 2019 at 10:30am in the main conference room of the Community Services Building. Motion by Benjamin Southwick, seconded by Lynn Newkirk to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meghan Rohn

Confidential Administrative Secretary