

RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2020
 Time: 11:00 a.m.
 Location: Room 114, Wood County Courthouse
 Attendees: See attached list

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.
2. Quite a few members of the public attended by means of Webex and commented on concerns they had that the committee was contemplating recommending to the state that a home in their neighborhood be used as a residence for a violent sex offender. Questions were asked about:
 - The process the committee had gone about in locating a home? The statutory set-back criteria were used in conjunction with making sure the property was not adjacent to a home with children living there.
 - How many prospective properties were looked at? Several dozen properties were looked at. This involved assessing compliance with setback criteria, verifying children were not living next door, ascertaining if the property met the criteria (mainly price) that the vendors had set and whether the vendors were interested in investing in the property.
 - How the process worked and if the concerned citizens had a real means of impacting the decision? A brief history of the transition of the obligation to locate the property having been transferred from the state to the county of residence of the subject was reviewed as well as the limited role of the committee in locating the owner of a suitable property that would contract with the state to place a person on supervised release. How the state will take the committee's report and prepare a proposed supervised release plan to the court for its approval and then implementation by the state DHS and DOC.
 - Can the community get access to a picture of the subject? After the committee presents its report to the state and the state submits its plan to the Marathon County Circuit Court, the court will approve some version of a supervised release plan and the state DHS and DOC will then be obligated to implement it. The first steps will include a "core" meeting with the Sheriff's Department followed by contact with the community. This community contact is likely to include a meeting that would be held with the public at which time more specifics, including a name and picture, would be shared.
 - How long will this person be placed in the home? This is likely to be a three-year plan with placement to the home likely going that full length of time. The state enters annual leases for the home and if the subject violates the terms of the court ordered supervised plan, he can be returned to secure detention.
 - Will the home be used with other such placements of sexually violent persons from Wood County? There apparently are not many such folks in secure detention right now but it is not known if the home would be used with any other such placements.
 - A written letter of comments by Rauni and John Vruwink was shared with the committee.

3. Motion by Zurfluh/Ellis to approve the minutes of the committee's February 14, 2020, meeting. All ayes.
4. The committee reviewed a draft report to the state's Department of Health Services that advised that the County had secured arrangements for property located at 5055 Knuth Road, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495, in the town of Seneca to be used for placement of the subject who is to be placed on supervised release. Discussion had and a recommendation was made to have the report be modified to make it more definitive on what the committee's recommendation is.
Motion by Kastenholz/Zurfluh to approve the report with the noted clarity being added to it. All ayes.
5. Consider other duties of the committee. After the report is submitted to the state the committee essentially dissolves until it needs to be reconstituted at some point in the future when a court calls for it again to locate a placement for a sexually violent person who is going to be placed on supervised release in the community. It was pointed out that the committee's actions are final and although the minutes of the committee would go to the County Board, that sharing is for informational purposes only; the County Board is not in a position to change the committee's actions due to the statutory directives. Likewise, state elected officials are not involved in the process.
6. Motion by Kastenholz/Gudmunsen to adjourn at approximately 12:05 p.m. All ayes.

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