

RESIDENTIAL OPTIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, November 14, 2019

TIME: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse

ATTENDEES: Stephanie Gudmunsen (WCHS), Paul Bernard (WCP&Z), Quentin Ellis (WCSD), Joe Zurfluh (WCSD), Dan Schroeder (WDOC), Scott Timm (WDHS) and Peter Kastenholz (WCCC).

The Committee members recognized that this is more of a work group and there was no need to appoint officers. The members will collectively determine how to proceed.

Scott Timm works with other counties and shared the approaches they have used to fulfill the Committee's responsibility to identify within about 100 days a residential option in Wood County for placement of an individual determined to be a sexually violent person but the state has now deemed safe to be released under supervised conditions. Scott later explained that supervised release for the first year is just that, any time the subject is authorized to be away from the residence he will have to have a human monitor physically present with him. Meanwhile, when the subject will have a monitoring device on him at all times during the first year.

The options and the Committee's preliminary responses to them are as follows:

- Place an advertisement on Craig's list to see if there is anyone interested in leasing quarters for the subject to reside for the next year. It was determined that the ad would need to be a bit vague and it would simply take too much unproductive time to try to locate a residence in this fashion.
- Have the Committee locate properties that would fit the statutory criteria (at least 1500 feet away from any school, licensed child care facility, public park, place of worship, or youth center) and share the list with vendors the state and other counties have worked with in the past to ascertain if any of the vendors would acquire any of the properties through purchase or lease, such that the vendor could then enter into a contract with the state (DHS) to then lease the property from the vendor to place the subject there for the next year. The Committee liked this idea.
- Have Wood County itself use a property it already owns, for instance a tax deeded parcel, and have the county then contract with DHS to use the property to house the subject. The Committee was okay with this approach as well.
- Have Wood County place a mobile home on property it owns that is within the permissible area. This would require expenditures by the county to acquire the home and install the utilities. The Committee was concerned we didn't have time or funds to timely pursue this option.

The Committee concluded we would proceed as follows:

- Paul would finish the GIS mapping he has been working on that will identify those parts of the county that are more than 1500 feet from the designated places that the subject can't live within that proximity to.

- Paul would then ascertain from the County Treasurer if there are any properties the county has already tax deeded that are possible matches for using as a residence for the subject for the next year.
- Paul or Peter would also ascertain from the Treasurer if there are any properties that are tax delinquent but not tax deeded that might be appropriate for sale to one of the vendors.
- Scott will obtain a list of the vendors who may be interested in acquiring property to lease to DHS for placement of the subject and will route this to Peter.
- Peter, Paul and possibly others will try to ascertain what properties within the permissible area are for sale and develop a list of them that can then be routed off to the vendors for their consideration.
- Scott will advise if Senate Bill 60, which has been approved by both houses and loosens up the s. 980.08 restrictions on the placement of persons approved for supervised release from the Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center, is signed by the governor and if so, when it takes effect.
- The Committee will meet again on Thursday, December 5th at 1:30 p.m.