

ACT 184 REINTEGRATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: ACT 184 REINTEGRATION COMMITTEE
DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020
TIME: 8:30 AM
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Gretzinger called the meeting to order at 8:43 AM

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Cindy Gretzinger, John Dennee, Paul Payant (televideo), Jennifer May, Jody Jensen, Tamara Feest, Mick Chase (telephone)

Absent: Jeannie Fannin

Others Present: none

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by John Dennee to approve the agenda, seconded by Jody Jensen.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2, 2018 MEETING

Minutes to be modified under DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NEW SEX OFFENDERS BEING PLACED IN FOREST COUNTY. Voting Aye, Dennee, Fannin, Anderson, Tallier, Payant and May. May should be struck from this sentence. Next sentence should read: Mick Chase and Jennifer May stated conflict of interest and abstained from voting.

Motion by John Dennee to accept the minutes with the noted change, seconded by Tamara Feest.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ASSIGNMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion by Tamara Feest to elect Cindy Gretzinger as Chairperson, seconded by John Dennee. Motion Passed.

Motion by Jody Jensen to elect John Dennee as Vice Chairperson, seconded by Tamara Feest. Motion Passed.

Motion by John Dennee to elect Jody Jensen as Secretary, seconded by Tamara Feest. Motion Passed.

REVIEW SUPERVISED RELEASE PROCESS- PRESENTATION BY MICK CHASE, DHS SUPERVISED RELEASE CONTRACT SPECIALIST

Mick provided an overview of the statutory requirements, including required committee membership. Statute does not require a community member on the committee; it requires the human services department, DHS representative, local probation and parole, corporation counsel and land use/information department.

The committee is required to conduct a search for a property that meets the criteria of the statute and the county is comfortable with. The committee may consider properties in which the county becomes the landlord, properties owned by landlords that DHS already contracts with or properties by sellers who might consider a rental option.

The committee must submit a report to DHS regarding the identified property within 120 days of the filing of the order. This would be November 27, 2020. DHS then has 30 days to submit the individualized supervised release plan to the court. The court will approve or deny the plan. If the plan is approved, a Special Bulletin Notification is released to the Sheriff and under his/her discretion notification to the public is conducted. This notification can take many forms, townhall meetings, door to door flyers, media releases, etc

Criteria that must be considered when identifying a residential placement include: 1,500 feet from a park, school, church, daycare center or youth center. Further no minors may be living adjacent to the property.

DHS has no objections to a current property already in use for the residence of a sexually violent person.

Since the last placement at that property, Sokaogon Chippewa Mole Lake Tribe put in a park nearby. This could impact the utilization of the current property if zoning definitions identify the park as such.

If placement cannot be found, it has been observed that courts have been giving extensions to counties before instituting fines/penalties. However, it has also been observed that client's defense attorneys are encouraging courts to impose the fines. There is also the possibility that the court could grant discharge to the community without supervised release if placement is not found.

If there are objections to the placement those would be heard by Winnebago County Court as that is where the order originates from.

Mick Chase further reviewed the process of supervised release, including restrictions and care plans. The county can request shopping, etc. be done outside of the local community.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF REPORT TO THE COURT
None.

ASSIGNMENT OF NEXT STEPS

Paul Payant will investigate the statutory definition of a park to determine if the current residence is an option. Jennifer May will gather victim information to ensure there is not proximity to the current property. John Dennee will research the area again to ensure nothing has changed that might eliminate the current property from consideration. Mick Chase will contact the current landlord to verify a second resident is acceptable. Tamara Feest will forward a list of properties for sale in Forest County to Jeannie Fannin for review.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 8:30 AM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jody Jensen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tamara Feest, all in favor, motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled ACT 184 Reintegration Committee meeting.

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