

# Supervised Release Committee

(Formed pursuant to §980.08, Wis Stats)

Winnebago County Office of Corporation Counsel  
112 Otter Ave \* 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room \* Oshkosh WI 54901

**October 20, 2022 1:00 pm**

\* Meeting held in person and via Zoom

## **PRESENT**

Mary-Anne Mueller (Winnebago County - Corporation Counsel)  
Adam Dorn (Winnebago County – GIS Division)  
Angela Serwa (WI Dept. of Health Services)  
Bill Topel (Winnebago County - Human Services Administrative Services)  
Hans Rufenacht – (WI Dept. of Corrections)  
Jeffrey Mann (Winnebago County - Corporation Counsels Office)  
John Matz (Winnebago County - Sheriff's Department)  
Jon Doemel (Winnebago County Executive)  
Kristin Kiel (WI Dept. of Health Services)  
Melanie Boelter (Winnebago County - Corporation Counsels Office)  
Mike Elder – (Winnebago County – Facilities)

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mary-Anne Mueller called the Supervised Release Committee meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

## **ROLL CALL / ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Mary-Anne Mueller established a quorum.  
Mary-Anne Mueller (Winnebago County - Corporation Counsel)  
Adam Dorn (Winnebago County – GIS Division)  
Angela Serwa (WI Dept. of Health Services)  
Bill Topel (Winnebago County - Human Services Administrative Services)  
Hans Rufenacht – (WI Dept. of Corrections)  
Mike Elder – (Winnebago County – Facilities)

## **APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion to approve by Bill Topel and seconded by Adam Dorn.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Status update regarding Rayfe J. Paulick.

On August 19 the County satisfied its statutory obligation by noticing Judge Jorgensen that the committee voted unanimously to house Mr. Paulick on land owned by Winnebago County on the W 800 block of County Road Y in Oshkosh.

Attorney Mann and Mr. Elder provided an update about a hearing that took place on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the hearing was to update the court about where the committee is with housing. Winnebago County has provided a location, a landlord and are in the process of getting a physical structure. Winnebago County will be presenting to the Oshkosh Planning Commission in November and the City Council in December. Winnebago County is preparing to go out for bid in January and anticipate construction will start in the spring.

The court viewed the anticipated completion date with some concern. The court noted it is difficult to find housing with the restrictions. The court is also concerned about waiting until next fall for placement of Mr. Paulick.

Attorney Mueller indicated our experience is a resident typically is released from the program shortly after two years. She asked Angela Serwa where things stand with the current resident that had a two-year anniversary date in September. Angela Serwa indicated Chapter 980 commitment is for an undetermined amount of time. Until the individual petitions and follows through with the discharge process, he will remain in the house unless he is removed for other reasons. Angela Serwa is not aware of any petition being filed. There have been no issues which warranted his removal at this time.

The court scheduled an evidentiary review hearing for December 5<sup>th</sup>. At that hearing the court wants to know what reasonable efforts the county is making to procure housing for this individual beyond what has already been decided. Attorney Mann has talked to between 10 and 15 different landlords. No one has offered up a location at this point. However, several have expressed interest in the event a suitable location is found.

The committee discussed how the petition for release process works as part of the supervised release program, situations when the individual may be removed from a placement, and placement options.

Attorney Mueller requested WI Dept. of Health Services assist with investigating additional interim housing options to help show the court the committee is making good faith efforts. Angela Serwa said she would communicate with potential landlords and request they reach out to the committee if they are interested in providing housing.

## **DISCUSSION OF ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

The committee plans to meet again December 13, 2022 at 1:00 pm for a status update.

There was no further discussion of this item.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn by Bill Topel and seconded by Mike Elder. 1:28 PM