

**Racine County Ch 980 Committee**  
Ives Grove Office Complex  
14200 Washington Ave  
Public Works and Development Services Auditorium  
Sturtevant, WI 53177  
Monday, October 28, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

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**Meeting attended by:** Assistant Corporation Counsel John Serketich, Assistant Corporation Counsel Erika Motsch, Legal Coordinator for the Office of the Corporation Counsel Nicole Jurgens, Racine County Real Property Lister/GIS Manager Kim Christman, Aging and Disability Services Administrator Michelle Goggins, Public Works and Development Services Director Julie Anderson, DOC Corrections Field Supervisor Nancy Ahler, and DHS Contract Specialist - Advanced Scott Timm (by phone)

**1. Convene meeting**

The meeting of the Ch. 980 Committee was called to order at 9:14 a.m. by Assistant Corporation Counsel John Serketich.

**2. Public Comments**

There were no members of the public present and, therefore, no comments.

**3. Approve Agenda & Minutes**

Agenda for October 28, 2019 meeting and Minutes from September 23, 2019 meeting reviewed.

**Motion:** Kim Christman moved to approve both the agenda and minutes. Seconded by Nancy Ahler.

**Action:** All Ayes, No Nays. Unanimous. **Motion passed.**

**4. Discuss/consider process for making recommendation to DHS and Court for Chapter 980 sex offender placement**

9:16 – Discussion held.

Michael Fink: Pending Motions by Juneau County. Review Hearing 12-16-19 at 2:00 pm.

James Hinkle: New Motion to Compel filed by Defense Counsel moving the Court to order Racine County to buy, lease, or build housing for Hinkle. Corporation Counsel's Office is preparing a response. October 25, 2019 Motion Hearing moved to December 3, 2019 to allow parties time to file their replies. Motion for Damages still pending, will be addressed at next hearing.

Daniel Williams: Atty Evan Weitz is defense counsel but has not yet filed motions for damages or joinder.

Assembly Bill 55: Per Scott, senate bill has passed, language regarding distance is being considered. Senate Bill number is SB60.

Discussion regarding possible housing locations. Potential in rem properties from 2007-2010 are being reviewed by HSD. Racine County has a new Treasurer so Corporation Counsel will meet with him and explain the Committee's needs and ask for assistance in locating potential properties. Discussion held regarding presenting the issues to the County Executive's Office to seek support (additional staff, resources, etc.). HSD to provide time tracking statistics to the committee regarding how long it takes to review a certain number of properties.

Discussion held regarding committee members' roles and the order of operations regarding identifying potential properties and verifying suitability.

Questions regarding funding posed to Scott Timm as potential vendors want a return on investment and without details on funding the Committee is not getting responses from the potential vendors. Leases are negotiated by the State using rates for rent 1.75 to 2.25 % of property value and the rent is capped at \$3,000.00/month. Using those parameters, the State hopes to negotiate a reasonable rate. State signs one-year lease with option to renew for another year as long as they have a placement. Average supervised release is 2.5-3.5 years; they usually then petition the court to be removed from their civil commitment. Scott noted that there are times where the State pays on a vacant house if the consumer reoffends and returns to prison. If necessary, County may incentivize vendors to make up rent difference per month or cover if the residence is vacated mid-lease.

RFI for vendors will close on October 31, 2019.

Property Information spreadsheet proposed, HSD asked to fully track responses (or lack thereof) for each individual property reviewed. Time tracking discussed.

Next meeting moved from Monday November 25, 2019 at 9:00 am to Monday November 18, 2019 at 9:00 am.

**Action items:**

1. Corp Counsel to follow up with Treasurer's Office to check for delinquent properties outside of 2007-2010.
2. Scott Timm to send calculation schedule for rent and incidental costs. Will provide number of Racine County individuals that are currently in Sandridge and may be released in the near future and will also include number of offenders who are currently placed out of county.
3. Julie Anderson to provide the committee with a written outline of what it would take to identify land and rezone it to allow tiny homes. Also to include costs of permitting, utilities, etc.

**5. Closed Session**

There were no discussions that required a closed session, therefore, the meeting remained open for its entirety.

**6. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Julie Anderson moved to adjourn meeting at 10:19 a.m. Seconded by Kim Christman.

**Action:** All Ayes No Nays. Unanimous. **Motion passed.**

Recorded October 28, 2019  
Nicole Jurgens  
Office of the Corporation Counsel