

MINUTES OF THE SUPERVISED RELEASE COMMITTEE

April 2, 2019

10 a.m. Room G034

PRESENT: Richard Eaton, Chair, Corporation Counsel; Nancy Huberty, DHS SW Manager; Matt Rokus, Eau Claire Police Dept; Sherry Deyoe, Lona Sullivan, Amanda McCarthy, Dept of Corrections; David Livingston, Altoona Police Dept; Rod Eslinger, Eau Claire County Planning & Development; Joel Brettingen and Cory Schalinske, Eau Claire County Sheriff's Dept; Michael Chase, State DHS, via PHONE; Jackie Krumenauer, DHS Admin Specialist II

PUBLIC: Joy Clements, Jack Boullion, Shirley Conley, Joyce Wampole, Jennifer Harwick, Shannon Satterlee, New 18, Christena O'Brien, Leader Telegram, Penny and Bruce Smith, Karlee Ward, Suenna Chumas, Rochelle Hoffman, David W. Borntreger, Daniel A. Borntrager, Clemens M. Borntreger, Amos CM Borntreger, Jamie Biegel, Rev. Don Conklin, Jamie Littlefair, Ashley Johnson, Nicholas Johnson, Gary Gibson, Jennifer Sulay, Jade Pinley, Margaret Haas, Sara Wampole, Walter and Estelle Adamski, Anita and Tim Schnell, Natalie Landrum, Amanda Ladwig, Barb Curtis, Dave Curtis, Ed Herman, Sarah Aho, WI DOC – SORP; LuAnne Cantu, Jennifer Bowman, Michael Weiss, Gordy Del Gross, Lynn Breckenridge, Tenila Bratson, Todd Meyer, Wm. Borntreger, Felty Borntrager, Sharon Spar, Amie D'Hoysetter, Nick D'Hoysetter

Call meeting to Order by Richard Eaton at 10 a.m.

Call of the Roll

Public Input - Per Committee operating procedures, a period of public input was held. Chair Eaton limited public input to two minutes per speaker.

Update by Chair Eaton: The Supervised Release Committee is reviewing property in the Fairchild area to be considered for the 980 Supervised Release Program. No plans have been finalized and the Committee is still reviewing other options. No immediate placement is being planned for the Fairchild location.

Chair Eaton introduced Sarah Aho, WI Dept of Corrections – Sex Offender Release Program who was present at the meeting.

Carly Ward – Concerns for children activities in Fairchild

David Borntreger – Concerns for 1,500 ft law and in-home church

Daniel A. Borntrager – Concerns for small children playing out in the yard freely

Clemens M. Borntreger – Same concerns about small children out in the yard and close to worship church services.

Amos Borntreger – Not in our community. Concerns that husband working and wife and children home by self.

Rochelle Hoffman – Concerned about court documents. Proposed resolution was submitted on March 25 to DHS. Inconsistent that this would be a closed file submitted with address. When will they know what the address is?

Rev. Conklin – Reference made to letter from Chad Halvorson, Chief of Police for the Village of Fairchild submitted to Diane and Rick on Friday, March 29. Same concerns as Chad expressed. Including the possibility of flight risk using the train system in Fairchild.

Ashley Johnson – Kids play outdoors, and it is harder for them to feel safe.

Nicholas Johnson – EC Co. PD closet jurisdiction to Fairchild. Each County has to come up with housing for sex offenders being released.

Fairchild representative – Suggestion to use the 40 acres by the State Patrol office on old HWY 53. Also suggested Old Sign Shop possible.

Joy Clements – She shared she has a history of abuse and knows the shame it brings to a child. Concerns about the Amish and how traumatizing it would be for them if anything happened to a child.

Jack Boullion – Historically Fairchild had a grain & feed mill that closed, stores have closed, Post Office cut hours, lead in water, elementary school closed. Who lives around here? Five families within 1,500 ft is a foster care home with kids that play outside, half to quarter mile are Amish families, bus stops can be dark in the winter months. We don't want your problem to be our problem.

Estelle Adamski – Told her family story about someone cut the ankle bracelet off and was gone for six weeks. Meaningless & useless monitoring, concerns about the bracelets and stated predators never change.

Barb Curtis – Where do we go to get answers?

Dave Curtis – Same concerns. As Village of Fairchild is concerned this is new. We just realized this. All this is done in secrecy and raises nothing but suspicion. Follow Open meeting regulations.

Michael Weiss – Quarter of a mile of site is his orchard. Women and children may not come to his business. Offenders on strict supervision? How far can they go? Limited? Ankle bracelets and GPS questions?

Lynn Breckenridge – Already have enough predators. Concerns for Amish & other children.

Tenila Bratson – Why Fairchild? Nothing here. We have a drug problem, part time policeman. Rod & Gun Club members trying to clean up the town.

Todd Meyer – What do you have to say?

William B. Borntrager – Concerns regarding children, 1,500 ft kids walking.

Felty Borntrager – Kids play nearby – trusting ok.

Amie D'Hoysetter - The area has no resources, no cellphone reception, nothing there. Quarter to half mile 3 small children home alone.

Jeffrey – Repeated acts against women, no resources, no police, no hospital or grocery store. No resources/programs to rehab into society. What program would be set up in such a remote area? No public transportation.

Sharon Spar – One mile within grandkids, don't put repeat offenders in remote part of Eau Claire County. Slow train (for possible escape), woods, ATV trails. Daughter home alone. We don't want them in our town.

Jade Pinley – Concerns about secrecy you people have done. With secrecy you won't get any cooperation when you act like this. What's been going on with the committee? You must do a better job, due diligence in our community, under handed, irresponsible.

John Boullion – 1,000 Amish in the community, 15 school kids walk to and from close to site. Concerns about church, this housing makes them vulnerable.

Sarah Aho – Staff person from WI DOC, Sex Offender Registry Program, was present at the meeting and offered education presentations to Fairchild and any other areas. Placement is not her scope of responsibility. There are 26,000 registered sex offenders in the State of WI including 7 in Fairchild. Sex Offenders are supervised by DOC. Sarah shared her phone numbers: 715 738-3011 and 715 450 3947(cell).

Approval of March 26, 2019 meeting minutes – Motion made by Nancy Huberty to approve the March 26, 2019 meeting minutes. Second by Matt Rokus. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Report on Committee Progress:

-Explore county owned land. No final decision on Fairchild Property has been made.
-A private citizen contacted Nancy Huberty about property within the Eau Claire City limits
-There is proposed legislation to eliminate the 1,500 ft buffer which could open up other avenues. He will continue research on properties and report next week. No new properties to report on.
Efforts Include: looking at past properties, relators but no one is excited to help, vendors and county owned property considered. Nancy will keep in touch with vendor.
No new property searches done by law enforcement.

Matt Rokus, Eau Claire PD, provided brief education on the Court Order for Supervised Release and the creation of this temporary Supervised Release Program Committee. He and Rod shared the map developed by Planning & Development; buffer areas described following State statute. They will keep the community informed as to buffer status and continue to explore county owned property. No properties are solidified currently.

Status of Court Hearing on April 1, 2019 – No extension was granted by the Courts; however, there is another hearing date to review the temporary placement plan recommended by the Supervised Release Committee. The temporary placement is in Eau Claire and plans are to place client with another sex offender.

The Department of Human Services will be facing \$1,000 per day fines if a location isn't secured by the April 25 deadline.

Next Steps: The next meeting is Tuesday, April 9 at 10 a.m. in Room G034.
Continue to explore county owned property including state patrol potential land
We will continue to post the agenda for this meeting on the county website.

Motion to adjourn by Nancy Huberty. Second by Sherry Deyoe. The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 9, 2019 10 a.m. in Room G034.**

Jackie Krumenauer, Committee Clerk