

MINUTES FO THE SUPERVISED RELEASE COMMITTEE

March 26, 2019
10 a.m. Room 2064

Present: Committee members Richard Eaton, Chair-Corporation Counsel, Nancy Huberty, ECDHS, Rod Eslinger, Planning and Development, PHONE Michael Chase, State DHS, Matt Rogus, ECPD, Amanda McCarthy, DOC, Lona Sullivan, DOC, Sherry Deyoe, DOC, Cory Schalinske, EC Sherriff's Department, David Livingston, Altoona PD, Tom Wirth, ECDHS, Nicole Powers, EC Sherriff's department

Public Attendee: Shan Anderson, Tim Schell, Scott Bertrang
Ed Herman, Todd Meyer, Marjorie Roach, Rochelle Hoffman.
Kayla Brummond, August Brummond, Jamie Swan, Tracy Swan, Amy Koskovich, Lyne Breckenridge, Margaret Haas, Joel Boettcher, Pamela Boettcher, LouAnn Cantu, Barb Curt, Cathy Weiss, Mike Weiss, Ken Rhodes, Ed Herman, Shirley Conley, Gary Gibson, Eric Lindquist, Jade Pinley

Two individuals who did not sign in.

Call to Order: Richard Eaton, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01a.m.

Call of the Roll Members of the committee introduced themselves

Public Input Chair Eaton gave a brief introduction to 980 and the charge of the committee and how the committee was constructed. Sherry Deyoe briefly described how individuals that are released under 980 supervised and the relationship that DOC and State DHS and how case management is contracted. It was further shared that there are strict rules the 1st year of release under 980. Public comment occurred as follow:

Sham Anderson-Town Supervisor expressed concerns that individuals released are violent and there are minimal services available in Fairchild and there are train tracks that run slowly. Suggested was made to utilize the 3rd floor of the government building.

Tim Schnell-Town Supervisor expressed there will be concerns that arise. He shared there are Amish families in the area that may not be aware of the situation.

Scott Bertrang expressed frustration and that this is tough time for Fairchild. He further express concern regarding how this would affect my property and business values.

Ed Herman expressed concern regarding law enforcement response time.

Todd Meyer – Village of Fairchild Board expressed concerns with the lack of services and heavily wooded area where the trains goes through several times a day which may lend to opportunity for security concerns. He further shared that after review of 980 he doesn't see language embedded regarding the county or any government agency to create a residence. Fairchild board wants information regarding the source of authority to construct publicly owned housing.

Margorie Roach – expressed concern as to why the county has chosen this parcel of land. She further stated that the county owns other properties why not use a different parcel of land. She went on to state that there are other areas where residents could be established such as on highway H or Chaney Road.

Rochelle Hoffman – Voiced concern that the area identified is not zoned for residential purpose and the activities of the committee are not consistent with state law. There is a huge Amish community as well as parks, and trails within 1500ft. She furthered shared that there are not the support services needed for individuals to be successful.

August Brummond – Shared that he has concerns as he has purchased property near the site. He has grandchildren that wait for the bus with in 100 yards of the facility. He further stated that he is concerned that this will affect his property value negatively.

Jamie Swan – stated that he is concerned for the safety of his wife and mother when he is not home. He stated that he is concerned on the impact of the value of property.

Tracy Swan – stated that she is concerned about the safety of others. There are individuals in the area that are elderly, disabled, and several children including her grandchildren. She further stated that she is also concerned about property values.

Amy Koskovich – Stated that she is concerned that there is a lack of law enforcement in Fairchild. There was a break in last week and law enforcement was contacted, and the person is still on the loose. She shared that others may be assaulted and feels that the community's safety was not considered.

Lyne Breckenridge – I will do what I need to do to protect myself.

Joel Boettcher – Stated that this does not make sense and questioned why Fairchild.

Don Curtis - Shared concerns that this is going fast. The town chairman just found out and wants to know how meetings are posted.

Kathy Weiss - this is a recipe for a disaster. There are not the resources to support this.

Mike Weiss – Expressed concern for the safety of the Amish children. Response time is poor, and the cell reception is not dependable. He further shared concerns on how the

whereabouts of these individuals at all times would be monitored. What would close supervision look like for violent persons.

Ken Rhodes - Identified himself as a Mennonite and Christian and would not object. He does farm ½ mile from the site.

Shirley Connelly – Express concerns regarding the safety of the community. Further stated that there is nothing for services in Fairchild. There are children all over the place.

Gary Gibson- County Board Supervisor - Shared that he has spoken with Jessie James office and they are looking into this situation. He further shared that he only became aware of this one week ago. He noted that he did not find this meeting on the County Calendar. He stated that Fairchild is a poor area, and this should be located somewhere else. He stated that the 3rd floor of the courthouse or the 40 acres that were purchased to build a highway building may be a better answer.

Dave Finnly – Shared that this is not fair to Fairchild. Recidivism is 25%. There is poor police coverage, drugs, human trafficking, and no help from the county.

LouAnn Cantu - There are others how could be victimized such as you men. They are not safe. The response time from the police is terrible. We don't have resources.

Heather Brummond – Shared concern for her children and others in her care. Stated that she is concerned that she will become a prisoner in her own home.

Approval of March 19, 2019 meeting minutes Richard Eaton made a motion to approve and Sherry Deyoe seconded.

Report on Committee Progress

- a. DHS progress on new location. No new information to share currently per Michael Chase and Nancy Huberty.
- b. Future Court Hearing -April 1, 2019. A report will be submitted to the court

Next Steps and Planning including Next Meeting Date – April 2, 2019

Adjournment Nancy Huberty made motion to adjourn and Rod Eslinger seconded the motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:54a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Nancy Huberty
Acting Clerk - ECDHS