

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Sup. Rick Richard
INITIATED BY



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SUBMITTED BY

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DATE DRAFTED

ESTABLISHING HOUSING FOR SEXUALLY VIOLENT OFFENDERS

1 **WHEREAS**, Resolution 20-12A-146 was adopted at the December 17, 2020 County Board meeting
2 Directing the Exploration of Alternative Housing Options for Sexually Violent Offenders on
3 Supervised Release in Accordance with Chapter 980 of the Wisconsin Statutes; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, the resolution outlines the reasons for considering a County-owned housing option,
6 including difficulties in finding placements in the community and safety concerns. These issues are
7 have arisen in numerous counties through Wisconsin, which have struggled to find appropriate
8 placements that have been acceptable to their communities; and
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10 **WHEREAS**, A report dated July 21, 2021 was prepared by County Administrator Josh Smith that
11 conducted a thorough analysis of the issue and identified four primary options for housing sexually violent
12 offenders:
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14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
15 this 28th day of October, 2021 adopts Option 3 -4- in the County Administrator's July 21,
16 2021 report titled *Options for Housing Sexually Violent Offenders on Supervised Release in Rock County*
17 *Placed under Chapter 980 of the Wisconsin Statutes*—to place duplex housing between Public Works and
18 Kuffer Pit on the northwest corner of the County Farm property in the Town of Janesville.
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20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that County Administrator Smith is directed to take all necessary and
21 lawful steps in furtherance of this policy, including, but not limited to, approaching the State of Wisconsin
22 to request and develop a pilot program for funding of the construction, or a portion of the construction
23 costs of such housing, and work with the Town of Janesville to address any further concerns or barriers to
24 development.
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26 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that County Administrator Smith shall keep all options for housing
27 sexual violent offenders on supervised release open and consider alternatives to Option 3 -4- shall any
28 barriers to implementation be determined to be insurmountable.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

dissent
Mary Beaver, Chair

dissent
Brian Knudson, Vice Chair

/s/Jacob Taylor
Jacob Taylor

/s/Ron Bomkamp
Ron Bomkamp

dissent
Danette Rynes

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HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

/s/Brian Knudson
 Brian Knudson, Chair

/s/Russell Podzilni
 J. Russell Podzilni

/s/Sally Jean Weaver-Launders
 Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Vice-Chair

absent
 Angelina Reyes

dissent
 Pam Bostwick

/s/Kathy Schulz
 Kathy Schulz

/s/Ashley Hoffman
 Ashley Hoffman

/s/Shirley Williams
 Shirley Williams

/s/Stephanie Aegerter
 Stephanie Aegerter

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 59.01, 59.06 and 59.55(6). Additionally, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 980.08(4)(dm)1., the County is responsible for identifying appropriate residences for individuals determined by a court to be appropriate for supervised release for persons committed under Chapter 980. Building County owned housing designed for this purpose could assist the County in making such recommendations.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
 Corporation Counsel

FISCAL NOTE:

Minimal fiscal impact in and by itself.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
 Finance Director

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
 County Administrator