

**MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY APRIL 28, 2026**  
**PUBLIC MEETING**  
**OCONTO COUNTY SUPERVISED RELEASE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**LEC CONFERENCE ROOM-NORTH/SOUTH 301 WASHINGTON ST. OCONTO, WI 54153**

**(Draft minutes until approved by Committee)**

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Scott Shackelford, Beth Ellingson, Pat Virtues, Todd Skarban, Chad Angus, Alicia Stascak, Dana Sotka, Kim Dexter

COMMITTEE ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Al Sleeter, County Board Chair; Tom Bitters, Health and Human Services Board Chair; Brandon Daul, HHS Deputy Director; David Behrend, County Board Supervisor; Dylan Larsen, Lt. Eric Thompson, Lt. Nick School, 13 Community Members, Wendy Dey, Confidential Secretary

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Scott Shackelford.

**2. Statement of County Mission and Vision**

Shackelford read the County Mission and Vision statements.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

3.1 Change in Sequence – None

3.2 Removal of Items – None

Motion by Stascak/Sotka to approve the agenda as written. The motion was voted on and carried.

**4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Motion by Virtues/Ellingson to approve the February 4, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was voted on and carried.

**5. Communication**

Shackelford shared four communications with committee members that were received from the public.

**6. Discussion Pending Case: Oconto County Case No. 04-CI-01 - None**

**7. Legal Update with Respect to Pending Case**

Ellingson updated the committee on the court proceedings. At the last status hearing the court was updated on the progress of the project and the current timeline. Both the court and defendant's counsel were satisfied. The next status hearing is scheduled for June 17, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Shackelford reported that the previous judge who assigned to the case has recused himself, due to a conflict, and a new judge will be appointed.

**8. Preparation and Submission of Report(s) and Recommendation(s) to State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services per §980.08(4)(dm), Wis. Stats. as Regards Pending Case**

Shackelford reminded the committee that this is a standing agenda item. The written report is expected to be completed in the month of June and will be presented to the court and the Department of Health Services (DHS). DHS will then submit a supervised release plan to the court, and the court will make a decision to either approve or reject the plan.

**9. Announcements/General Information (no action to be taken)**

Shackelford reported that demolition on the property was completed yesterday. Project completion will be dependent on weather conditions. It was also reported that there may be human remains located on the property. HHS, Corporation Counsel and the Historical Society were contacted. The area of the property involved has been fenced off. Virtues updated the committee, all permits have been obtained for the project, well and septic work will begin soon. Skarban provided an update to the committee on the Sheriff's Office's role in the release process. He noted that the release date has not yet been set. He assured both the committee and the community members in attendance that his office will hold a community notification meeting no less than two weeks prior to the release. He asked the community to trust that, as always, the Sheriff's Office will do everything within its power to maintain public safety and emphasized the importance of neighbors looking out for one another.

**10. Set Next Meeting Date(s) – None.** Shackelford advised that at this time there is no need for another meeting, should one be needed in the future, one would be scheduled, and notices would be posted on the County's Website.

**11. Adjournment**

Shackelford declared the meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.