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# Holmen Area Fire Department

## FIRE BOARD

## SPECIAL MEETING

## AGENDA

**Date/Time:** Tuesday March 3, 2026 @ 6:30 pm  
**Location:** Town of Holland Town Hall, Holmen, WI, 54636

The Holmen Area Fire Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting on **March 3, 2026 at 6:30 pm** at the **Town of Holland Town Hall**.

All items on the agenda indicate items for discussion and possible action.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 1.) Chair to call the meeting to order
- 2.) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3.) Roll call
- 4.) Consideration of fire station mold mitigation activities
- 5.) Adjourn

**Note:** Meeting agenda and meeting packets are available at [www.holmenfire.com](http://www.holmenfire.com). Printed meeting agenda and packets will be available by request only. Call the Holmen Area Fire Department at 608-526-9363 prior to noon the day of the Board meeting to request your printed copies.



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# Memo



**To:** Fire Board  
**From:** Ryan Ostreng  
**cc:**  
**Date:** February 27 2026  
**Re:** Temporary Housing Options During Mold Remediation Project

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During the planning phase of the mold remediation project, several options were researched to temporarily house operations staff displaced from the fire station. The following options outline associated costs, duration, and operational considerations:

## **Option 1: Kunes RV Camper Rental**

Kunes was contacted regarding the rental of two campers, each capable of comfortably sleeping two employees (four employees total). Rental cost is \$100 per camper per day.

- Three months (starting April 1): \$18,200
- Six months (starting April 1): \$36,600

HAFD staff will evaluate storing campers inside the apparatus bays and reconfiguring apparatus placement to maintain operational readiness. Second option is to arrange campers in the parking lot. Electrical work may be needed to support this option.

## **Option 2: Halfway Creek Apartment Rental**

The shortest lease available is three months. Only two-bedroom, two-bath units are currently available.

- Monthly cost: \$1,425 per unit
- Three-month total: \$8,550
- Six-month total: \$17,100

This option would create a response delay as staff will have to travel from the rented apartment to the fire station.

## **Option 3: Temporary Sleeping Room Construction**

This option involves constructing four temporary sleeping rooms in the north bay using wood

framing, insulated drywall walls, and raised floors to address the sloped apparatus bay. Each room would include one electrical outlet.

- Estimated cost: \$24,000

This option relies on noisy apparatus bay heating units supplying heat into the area that the four sleeping rooms would be built. Currently no direct room heating or cooling options have been researched.

#### **Option 4: Kunes RV Camper Purchase**

This option was suggested by a Board Director. Research centered on a travel trailer style camper with two bedrooms to sleep to individuals privately.

- Purchase costs ranged from \$25,000 to \$65,000 per camper.
- Total cost between \$50,000 and \$130,000

At the end of the need for housing, HAFD will have two slightly used camper trailers for sale. HAFD staff will evaluate storing campers inside the apparatus bays and reconfiguring apparatus placement to maintain operational readiness. Staff will reach out to Kunes to review options.

#### **Option 5: Forts Services Temporary Fire Station Quote #1537**

This option involves a six-month rental of a temporary fire station mobile shelter from Forts Services.

- Six-month cost for rental, shipping (delivery and return), setup and maintenance: \$131,000

Please see attached quote for further detail.

#### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

Following discussion, the HAFD Board of Directors support is needed to provide a direction on the preferred option for temporarily housing operations staff during the mold remediation project.

# Two 36' Campers – Quick Reference Overview

- Panel capacity evaluation
- Electrical upgrades
- Licensed installation

Additional cost beyond rental fees likely.

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## Proposal Summary

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### Advantages

- Maintains on-site response readiness
  - No travel time from off-site lodging
  - Quick deployment and removal of campers
  - Keeps crews together operationally
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### Operational & Infrastructure Concerns

#### Bathroom Access

- 4-5 personnel sharing one bathroom/shower
  - No backup facility if unavailable
  - Likely congestion during peak hours
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#### Electrical Requirements

- Each camper requires 50A RV hookup
- Station currently lacks proper RV-rated connections
- May require:

### Heating & Cooling

If placed in apparatus bay:

- Bay becomes very warm – potentially early spring
- RV HVAC not designed for sustained heat
- Noise from apparatus and compressors will cause sleep issues

If placed outside:

- Weather/storm hazard exposure – no safe area
- Propane usage/cost
- Additional electrical routing
- Security considerations

This is a safety issue, not a comfort issue.

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### Laundry – Biohazard Exposure Concern

Firefighters routinely encounter:

- Blood borne pathogens
- Bodily fluids
- Smoke particulates and carcinogens

With no laundry facilities available:

- No alternative method for properly washing contaminated uniforms
- Possible transport of contaminated gear off-site
- Temporary storage of soiled uniforms in limited living space
- Increased risk of cross-contamination
- Elevated health and exposure concerns

**This is a safety issue, not a convenience issue.**

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## **Cooking & Food Preparation Challenges**

Campers are not designed for shift-based meal preparation.

Limitations include:

- Small cooking surfaces
- Limited counter space
- Minimal dry storage
- No commercial ventilation – vent into bay?

Additional concerns:

- Food storage limitations

- Drinking water logistics
- Decontamination sink in bay not appropriate for food prep, dishwashing, or hygiene.
- Increased reliance on takeout or pre-packaged meals, need all disposable cookware?

Potential impact on nutrition, morale, and readiness.

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## **Bay Space for Campers is Limited-**

Limitations include:

- 10' bay doors
  - Campers would need to be placed very close together causing egress concerns.
  - Proximity to apparatus would need to be very close.
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## **Key Questions for the Board**

1. What is the true total cost including electrical installation?
2. Is one bathroom adequate for the duration of repairs?
3. How will contaminated uniforms be safely handled and laundered?
4. Are cooking and food storage conditions adequate?
5. Is this sustainable if repairs extend longer than expected?

**Halfway Creek Apartments****930-970 Linden Dr. Holmen, WI 54636**Current Apartment Options (2-bed, 2-baths):*950-205 (Available Now; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor; Faces South)**940-206 (Available Now; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor; Faces North)**930-201 (Available Now; 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor; Faces South)**930-103 (Available March 14<sup>th</sup>; 1<sup>st</sup> Floor; Faces South)*

**Lease Length:** Minimum of 3-months (You're welcome to re-sign another 3-months or month-to-month after if needed)

**Rent:** \$1,425 + a \$200 3-month Premium (\$1,625 total)

**Deposit:** We would require EITHER an \$800 deposit on both apartments OR a letter of responsibility.

Sincerely,

3Amigos Apartments

Sophie Pierce-Property Manager

[sophie@3amigosapartments.com](mailto:sophie@3amigosapartments.com)

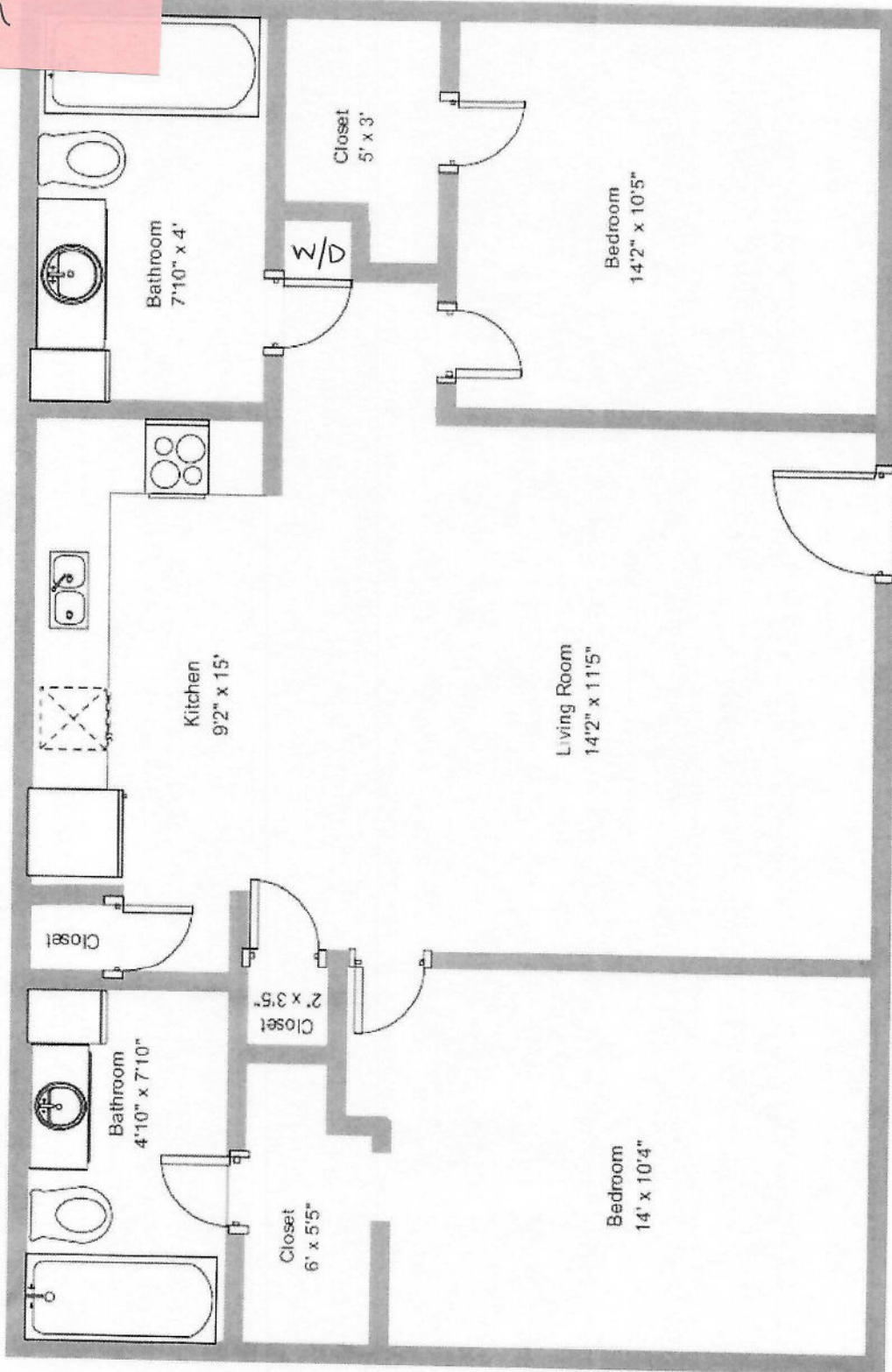
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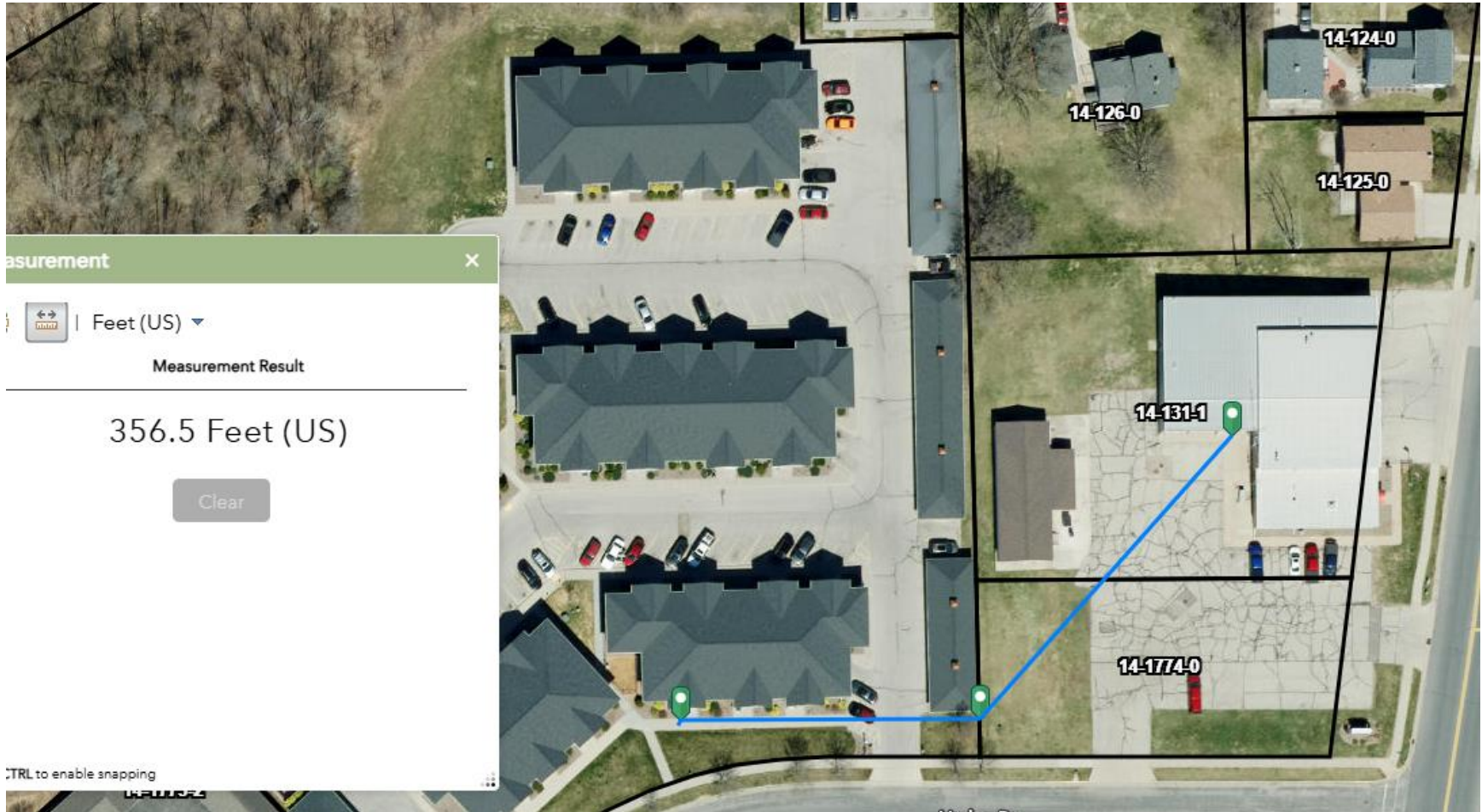


Apartment  
Floor  
Plan



Two Bedroom/Two Bath  
1,010 Square Feet

# 930 Linden Dr.





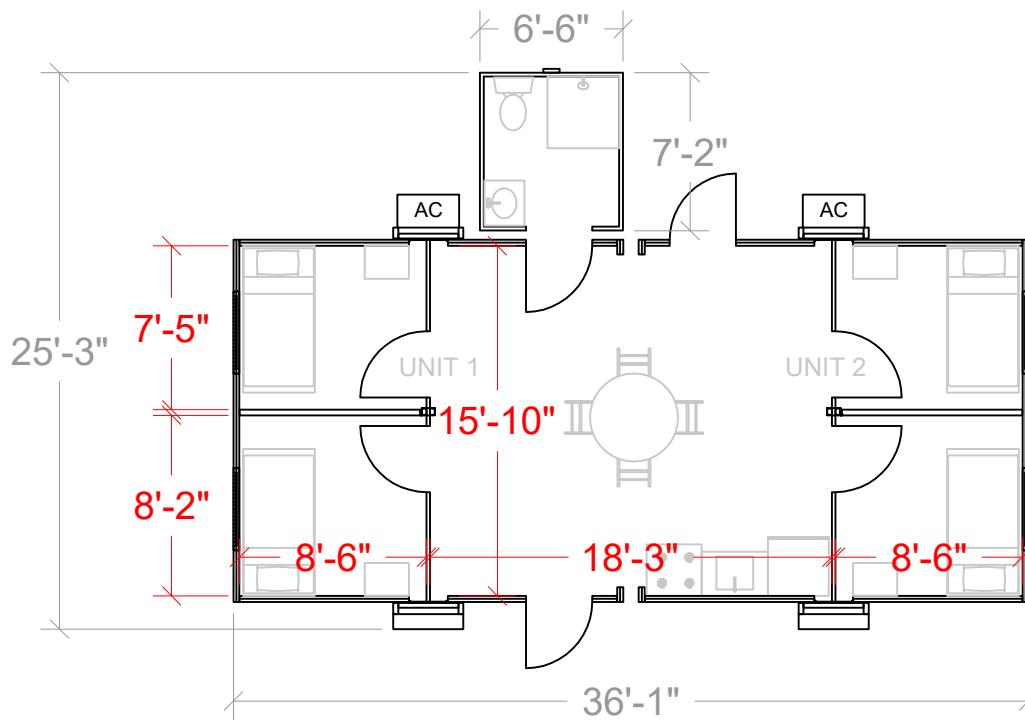
**Holmen Area Fire Department – Temporary Fire Station – Quote #1537**

To: 710 S Main St  
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 Attn: Chief Ryan Ostreng  
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2/19/2026

Please see below an approximate estimate of our products and services offered. This Price List is valid for 30 days. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

<b><u>Lease Quote</u></b>			
<b>Product Type</b>	<b>6 Month Pricing</b>	<b>12 Month Pricing</b>	<b>Details</b>
FORTS 4-Bed Temporary Fire Station	\$18,500.00/month	\$15,000.00/month	See sample layout attached* - 4x Bed (private rooms) - 1x Kitchen Module - 1x Bathroom Module - 1x Standard Day Room  *Furniture not included
Shipping Expense (Delivery)	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	We apply current freight rates for delivery and return.
Shipping Expense (Return)	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	We apply current freight rates for delivery and return.
Logistics Expense	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	Includes installation and strike. All maintenance and services for rental is included complementary in rental price.



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