

# New income limits possible for county public housing

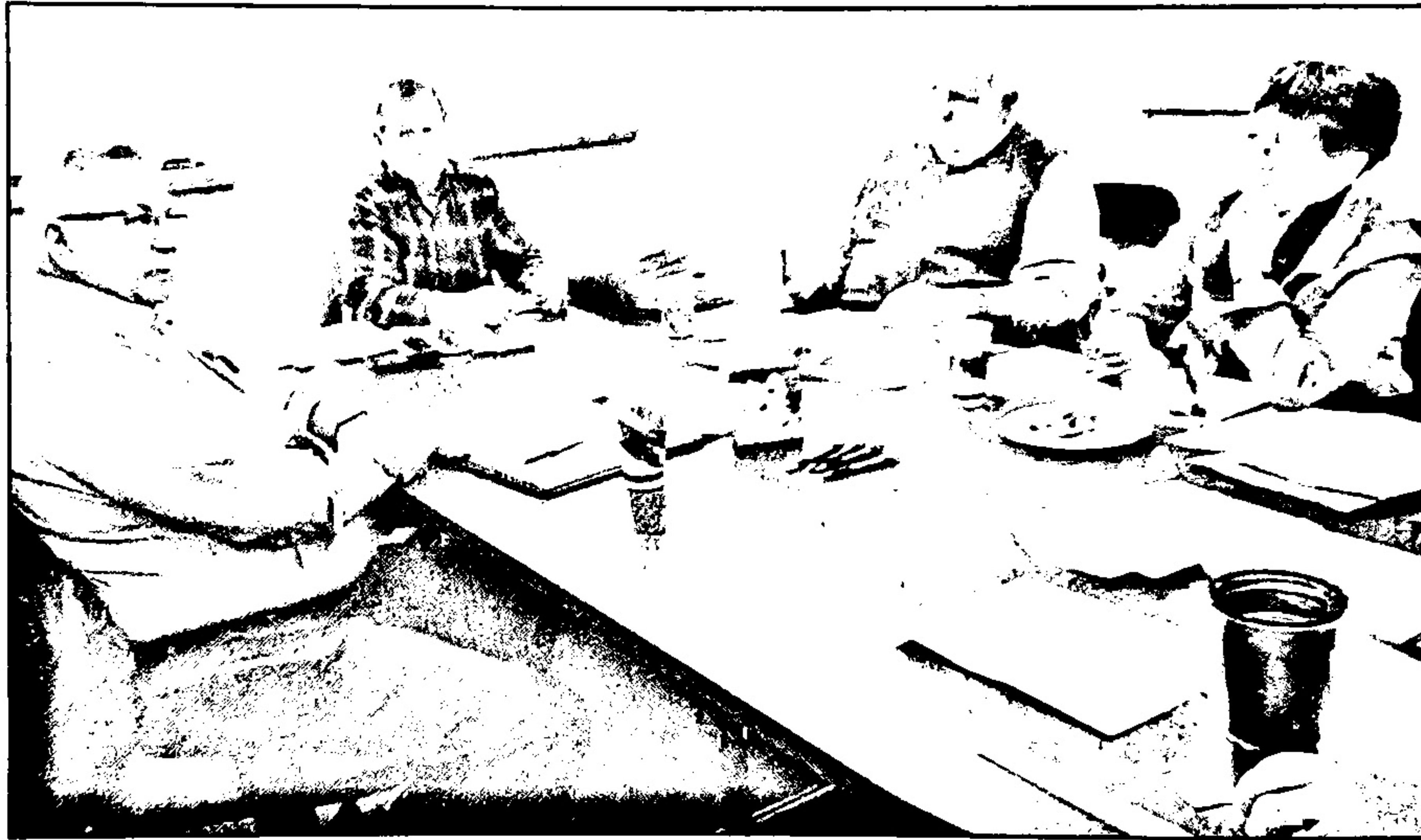
One local family makes \$108K a year

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A family living in public housing in Shawano County while earning more than \$100,000 a year will not be ordered to move out.

Members of the housing authority decided Friday to let the family stay while the authority considers setting new household income limits for those living in public housing.

Without such limits in place, officials said the most they can do to rectify the current situation is urge the family to start



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Meeting to discuss income limits for public housing Friday are, from left, Shawano County Housing Authority board members Clarence Natzke, Allen Kohn, Mike Hille and Donna Davis.

looking for a new place to live.

"We can encourage them," authority chair-

man Allen Kohn said. "But I don't think we can force them until we have a policy we can live with."

The situation came to light this summer when the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Development released a report showing that thousands of families nationally, including the one in Shawano County, were collecting six-figure incomes while living in public housing.

Federal law already restricts how much a family can be earning when they move into public housing. The issue highlighted in this summer's report occurs when a family's household income increases and surpasses the limits after they are settled in public housing.

John Wartman, executive director of the Shawano County Housing Authority, told his board members Friday that the federal govern-

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