

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN DEROCHA
 - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:
 - Annual Meeting Minutes held on October 14, 2025
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS
5. PUBLIC COMMENT (5 minutes per person)
6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:
 - Total Expenditures paid via check & EFT Transfers for the period October 10, 2025 through October 16, 2025 were \$848,361.41; and biweekly payroll for the period ending October 11, 2025 was \$870,932.98.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
10. ACTION ITEMS:
 - a. CCI Trail Easement
 - b. Argonics Lease Amendment
 - c. Aerostar Lease Amendment
 - d. DHS Board Appointment
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
 - a.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
14. CLOSED SESSION
15. ADJOURNMENT

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ANNUAL MEETING – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025 – 6:00 P.M. – COMMISSIONERS ROOM 231, 234 W. BARAGA AVENUE, MARQUETTE, MI 49855.

1. CALL TO ORDER – SALUTE TO THE FLAG – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

- **Call to Order by Chairperson Joseph Derocha** at 6:00 p.m.
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call: Present:** Comm. Adamini, Comm. LaLonde, Comm. Alholm, Comm. Nordeen and Chairperson Derocha

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Board Action: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the agenda with the addition of 11a) Reallocation of ARPA Funds for Prosecutor's Office Legal Counsel. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted Unanimously

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Board action: Comm. LaLonde moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 7, 2025 as presented. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted Unanimously

4. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Erin Daines, MSUE**, thanked the Board for approving the .5 position for an AmeriCorps position; also stated the Platt Books are selling out fast.

With no other comment to come before the board this portion of the meeting was concluded.

6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Board action: Comm. Alholm move to approve total expenditures paid via check and EFT transfers for the period October 3, 2025 through October 9, 2025 were \$1,040,530.72. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted Unanimously.

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to pay check #234791 dated 10/10/2025 in the amount of \$1,238.33; payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (4-0) Abstained: Comm. Alholm.

7. PUBLIC HEARING:

a. FY2026 Budget Hearing

Board action: Comm. LaLonde moved to pause the Annual Meeting and Open the Public Hearing. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted Unanimously. **Chairperson Derocha** opened the Public Hearing at 6:06 pm for public comment:

***Chairperson Derocha closed the Public Hearing Concerning the 2026 FY Budget at 6:16 p.m.**

No Public Comment was given!

***Chairperson Derocha** stated the board and staff work very hard for the taxpayers and are fiscally responsible

***Comm. Nordeen** things are good in Marquette County and our board works very well together.

***Comm. LaLonde** stated she appreciates that the board is fiscally responsible.

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to resume the Annual Meeting and Close the Public Hearing at 6:11 pm. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted Unanimously.

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

a. Michigan Association of Counties Platform Items

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to accept Informational Item 9a) for filing. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted Unanimously

10. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Recommendation to Adopt the FY 2026 General Fund Budget in the Amount of \$32,668,253; FY 2026 Capital Improvements Fund Budget in the Amount of \$680,000; and FY 2026 Other County Fund Budgets in the amount of \$52,412,318; and the Adoption of the FY 2026 General Appropriations Act Resolution**
COUNTY OF MARQUETTE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT RESOLUTION

For the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026

WHEREAS, Public Act of 2 of 1968 (MCL 141.436) requires that the County Board of Commissioners adopt a General Appropriations Act Resolution in order to implement the operating budget of the County of Marquette for the forthcoming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, a recommended budget for fiscal year 2026 was prepared and submitted by the County Administrator to the Board of Commissioners and through a series of budget work sessions resulted in the proposed budget presented herein; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was publicized and held in accordance with MCL 141.412 on October 14, 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED #1 that the 2026 Marquette County Budget, as summarized below and incorporated by reference herein, is adopted for the General Fund, Public Improvement Fund, and other Special Revenue and Enterprise Funds, and that monies from various County revenues and equity reserves are appropriated and expenditures authorized in accordance with the Account Group Detail of the various funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #2 that in adoption of the budget, ad valorem millage will be levied against the County's taxable valuation. The purpose and amount of the millages are:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Millage</u>
General Operating	5.2168
Countywide Transit	0.5938
Aging Services	0.4450
Central Dispatch	0.4943
Rescue Safety	0.1516
Veteran's Affairs	0.0994
Medicaid Standardization (M.O.E.)	<u>0.5470</u>
Total County Millage Levy	7.5479

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #3 that revenues raised from the above millage levies will be paid into the various funds of the County, in accordance with statutory limitations, and will be used to defray the expenditures and meet the liabilities of the County for Fiscal Year 2026 for the funds as identified in the attached 2026 Budget Summary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #4 that an appropriation is not a mandate to spend but shall limit the amount that may be spent for such purposes as are defined by the Board of Commissioners and that shall be limited to the 2026 fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #5 that the County Administrator shall quarterly, at a minimum, provide a report that will inform the Board of actual versus budgeted expenditures. The budget may be amended as conditions indicate provided the budget remains in a balanced state. Amendments will be presented to the Board in accordance with the County's Budget Policy. The County Administrator is authorized to make certain budget transfers in accordance with the County's Budget Policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #6 that any County department, agency, board, commission, or unit whatsoever and any organization, public or private, which accepts a County appropriation, shall do so subject to an agreement that provides for inspection and/or audit by the Marquette County Board or its designee. The Board, or its designee, shall have access for the purpose of audit and examination, to any and all books, documents, papers, and records of the recipient organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #7 that in administration of the adopted budget, budgetary control shall reside at the most detailed level of budget adopted by the Board (i.e., department, program, or activity). Department heads and Elected Officials may exercise their discretion to make unlimited transfers among line items without prior approval within the "supplies" and "other operating" account groups with written notice to the Finance Manager.

I, Linda K. Talsma, Clerk of the County of Marquette, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the above-stated General Appropriations Act Resolution was taken under consideration at the October 7, 2025, Annual Meeting of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, and the following action taken. It was moved by Comm. Alholm supported by Comm. Nordeen and carried by a roll call vote that the resolution be passed.

Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. Adamini, Comm. LaLonde, Comm. Nordeen and Chairperson Derocha

Nays: None

Sworn to me on this 14th day of October, 2025

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to adopt the General Appropriations Act Resolution as presented. Second by Comm. Nordeen. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. Adamini, Comm. LaLonde, Comm. Nordeen and Chairperson Derocha. Nays: None ~ Motion adopted (5-0)

b. Certification of the 2024 Tax Rate Requests

Kamila Fassbender, Finance Manager, presented the Certification of 2025 Tax Rate Requests to Commissioners.

Board action: Comm. LaLonde moved to Certify the millage requests as presented. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (5-0)

c. Recommended Wage/Salary Increase for Elected Officials**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS FOR FY 2026**

WHEREAS, MCL 45.421 provides that the annual salary of each salaried County Officer, which is by law fixed by the County Board of Commissioners, shall be fixed by the Board each year, and such salaries shall not be decreased, but may be increased, during the term for which that officer has been elected or appointed; and,

WHEREAS, by law the County Board of Commissioners fixes the annual salaries of the following described County Officers who serve specifically defined terms of office:

County Commissioner, pursuant to MCL 46.415;
 Circuit Court Judges, pursuant to MCL 600.555 (County share of salary);
 Probate Court Judge, pursuant to MCL 600.822 (County share of salary);
 District Court Judges, pursuant to MCL 600.8202 (County share of salary);
 Prosecuting Attorney, pursuant to MCL 49.159;
 Sheriff, pursuant to MCL 45.401;
 County Clerk, pursuant to MCL 45.401, and MCL 50.67;
 County Treasurer, pursuant to MCL 45.401 and MCL 48.43;
 Register of Deeds, pursuant to MCL 45.401;
 County Drain Commissioner, pursuant to MCL 280.28;
 County Mine Inspector, pursuant to MCL 425.107;
 County Medical Examiner, pursuant to MCL 52.201e;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, that the County Board of Commissioners does hereby establish the annual salaries and/or the County share of those annual salaries of the above-referenced County Officers for FY2026 in the following amounts:

County Commissioners:	\$ 8,000.00
County Board Chair:	\$ 9,000.00
*Circuit Court Judges:	\$ 45,724.12
*Probate Judge:	\$186,163.59
*District Court Judges:	\$ 45,724.12
Prosecuting Attorney:	\$132,246.50
Sheriff:	\$ 97,186.00
County Clerk:	\$ 82,500.00
County Treasurer:	\$ 79,500.00
Register of Deeds:	\$ 79,500.00
County Drain Commissioner:	\$ 28,949.37
County Mine Inspector:	\$ 39,232.94
County Medical Examiner:	No salary; compensation per contract

*this represents the County share that is reimbursed by the State. Amounts are set by the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salaries do not include, nor do they preclude, additional forms of compensation, if any, including but not limited to, such benefits as paid vacation and sick leave, insurance coverage, and retirement benefits in accordance with other policies as made from time to time be adopted by this Board.

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the FY2026 Elected Officials Salaries. Second by Chairperson Alholm. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm, Comm. Adamini, Comm. LaLonde & Chairperson Derocha Nays: None. Motion adopted (5-0)

d. Aeration Building Air Pump Replacement

Duane DuRay, Administrator, was present to explain the following: In the spring of 2025, it came to Nicholas Hautamaki's attention that the air pump at the Waste Water Treatment Plant's Aeration Building was not functioning properly. The pump was sent to Aerzen USA Corp. to be rebuilt. Staff was notified on October 9 that the pump is beyond economical repair, and Aerzen recommended the purchase of a new pump.

Aerzen is the sole source for this type of air pump. They supplied the following pricing information for the pump and accessory parts:

Aerzen Rotary Piston Compressor Stage Delta	\$24,528.36
V-Belt Pulley	\$1,384

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Delta Lube Oil, 2 Gallons	\$330.84
TOTAL	\$24,528.36

The air pump replacement has been budgeted in the sewer fund capital outlay line item. Aerzen estimates the pump will be ready December 1, 2025.

Board action: Comm. LaLonde moved to award the bid to Aerzen Rotary Piston Compressor Stage Delta in the amount of \$24,528.36 for the purchase of the new pump. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (5-0)

e. Board of Canvassers Appointment**BOARD OF CANVASSERS**

The Board of Canvassers reviews and certifies the election results by precinct for all local, state, and federal elections, and also oversees any recounts. The Board of Canvassers consists of four members, two Democrats and two Republicans, nominated by their political parties and appointed by the County Board to 4-year terms. The County Clerk acts as Secretary to the Board of Canvassers.

**2 Vacancy Positions term ending 10/31/2029*

Currently 2 Board Members terms are ending; they are both willing to serve another term as your Board of County Canvassers. These positions are very important and knowledge based – both individuals represent their parties keeping the integrity of our Elections at the highest level.

Applicants: Pete Dishnow (Democrat) & Cindy Constantino (Republican)

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to appoint Pete Dishnow and Cindy Constantino to the Board of Canvassers for another 4-years. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (5-0)

f. District 1 County Commissioner Appointment

Please see the attached applications, our office has received to date, for the Marquette County Commissioner, District 1, vacancy; 7 applications were received by the Clerk and they are as follows:

- David Aro
- Maragret Brumm
- Alan L. Hawker
- Richard A. Kochis
- Cody Mayer
- Karl Numinen
- Joseph Sherman

**The Board decided to draw names and allow each candidate 2 minutes to let the Board know why they are interested in serving on the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.*

Margaret Brumm, Alan L. Hawker, Cody Mayer and Karl Numinen all spoke to the Commissioners! Absent from the meeting were: David Aro, Richard A. Kochis and Joseph Sherman

**Chairperson Derocha thanked all candidates for applying and all candidates were very competent to serve and everyone would do a great job! John DePetro will be a very hard seat to fill as he was so well liked and quite a character.*

**Comm. Nordeen stated he was worried 30 days was not going to be enough time and not many would apply; however, there were seven candidates to pick from and all were qualified – that many in this day and age with the negativity (local, state, federal) government, that this many qualified individuals decided to serve – I applaud all of them!*

**Comm. Alholm thanked all the candidates for being here tonight and echoed how all are qualified to serve.*

**Comm. LaLonde stated it delights me to see all that have applied and show up and listen in this day and age with all the negativity; very nice to see these applicants willing to serve their community.*

A Roll Call Vote was Taken:

Comm. Adamini – Karl Numinen

Comm. LaLonde – Cody Mayer

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Comm. Nordeen – Alan L. Hawker
Comm. Alholm – Karl Numinen
Chairperson Derocha – Karl Numinen

*Following the vote – Karl Numinen was voted to take the Office of County Board of Commissioners.

*Mr. Numinen verbally resigned his office from Civil Counsel. Then discussion from the Board occurred!

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to Terminate the Civil Counsel Contract between Marquette County and Numinen, DeForge & Toutant, PC. Second by Comm. Alholm. A roll call vote was taken: Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm, Comm. Adamini, Comm. LaLonde and Chairperson Derocha. Nays: None. Motion adopted Unanimously

Clerk Talsma administered the Oath of Office to **Karl Numinen** as the new District 1 County Commissioner.

***Chairperson Derocha** invited Karl Numinen to join the Board as their newest member.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:**a. Reallocation of ARPA Funds**

Jenna Nelson, Prosecutor was present to explain the following: The Prosecutor's Office is requesting approval to reallocate ARPA Funds for the payment of outside legal counsel. These ARPA funds were originally allocated for Prosecutor Office funding of Assistant Prosecutor and Legal Secretary positions to assist with the backlog of cases.

There remains a balance \$97,029.51 which would be allocated to pay outside legal counsel on an as-needed basis. This funding is one-time in nature and will not be continued once the remaining ARPA funds are exhausted.

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to reallocate the remaining ARPA funds to pay outside legal counsel for Prosecutor's Office needs. This expenditure represents a drawdown of the existing ARPA allocation and will conclude when the available funds are fully expended. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (5-0) Abstained: Comm. Numinen

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Margaret Brumm, Marquette** appropriate action was taken by the Board at the last meeting concerning Room at the Inn and thanked the board for their fiscally responsibility; also encouraged the board to look at putting rules in place for the E-Bikes on County Roads.

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Comm. Numinen** thanked the Board for their support this evening.
- **Everyone Welcomed Karl Numinen to the Board!**
- **Clerk Talsma** thanked the Board for noticing all the extra duties in the last five years that have fallen on the Clerk's Office and commended her staff for all their hard work!
- **Chairperson Derocha** thanked all the candidates for applying.

14. CLOSED SESSION

15. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:03 p.m.

Linda K. Talsma
Marquette County Clerk

Joseph Derocha, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners