

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Organizational Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH DEROCHA**
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Roll Call
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**
  - Organizational Meeting held on January 6, 2026
  - Closed Session held on January 6, 2026
- 4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARD**
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT (time limit 5 Minutes total)**
- 6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**
  - Total expenditures paid via check & EFT transfers for the period December 31, 2025 through January 15, 2026 were \$1,954,740.40 (this amount does not include check payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric); biweekly payroll for the period ending January 3, 2026 was \$991,284.51.
    - Check #236477, dated 1/9/2026, for \$448.55 ~ payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric.
- 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**
- 8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:**
  - Clerk's Office 2025 Stats
- 9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
- 10. ACTION ITEMS:**
  - a. 2026 Permit Fee Increase Reminder & Recommendation Re: Administrative Fees
  - b. Michigan Arts and Culture Council (MACC) Experience Support Grant Application
  - c. Purchase of two Dodge Chargers –FY26 Capital Project
  - d. Runway Deicing /Anti-Icing Solid Compound Recommendation
  - e. Runway Deicing/Anti-Icing Liquid Compound Recommendation
  - f. Quadrant Consulting Group, LLC 2026 Agreement Recommendation
- 11. LATE ADDITIONS:**
  - a.
- 12. PUBLIC COMMENT (Time limit 3 minutes per person)**
- 13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 14. CLOSED SESSION**
- 15. ADJOURNMENT**

Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84166347136>

Phone one tap:

+13092053325 or 84166347136# US

+1312626679 or 84166347136# US (Chicago)

Join via audio: [+1 386 347 5053](tel:+13863475053) US, [+1 507 473 4847](tel:+15074734847) US

[+1 564 217 2000](tel:+15642172000) US, [+1 669 444 9171](tel:+16694449171) US

Webinar ID: 841 6634 7136



Enjoying winter in the Upper Peninsula

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – JANUARY 6, 2026 – 6:00 P.M. – COMMISSIONERS ROOM 231,  
HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855.**

**1. 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. Absent & Excused: Comm. Numinen
- **Election of Chairperson Conducted by Clerk Talsma.**

**Clerk Talsma** opened up the floor for nominations for Chairperson. Comm. Nordeen nominated Comm. Derocha as Chairperson for 2025. Seconded by Comm. Alholm.

**Board action:** A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm, Comm. Adamini, Comm. LaLonde and Comm. Derocha. Nays: None. Motion adopted (5-0)

**\*Chairperson Derocha** resumed the meeting and stated he was humbled & honored to be Chair again.

• Chairperson Derocha opened up the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Comm. Alholm nominated Comm. Nordeen for Vice-Chair. Comm. LaLonde seconded the motion.

**Board action:** A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. LaLonde, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm and Chairperson Derocha. Nays: Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (4-1)

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Board action:** Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the Agenda with the following addition: 3) Closed Session Minutes for December 2, 2025. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted. (5-0)

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to approve the Regular Meetings held on December 16, 2025. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (5-0)

**Board action:** Comm. LaLonde moved to approve the Special Meetings held on December 17, 2025 & December 30, 2025. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (5-0)

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to approve the Closed Sessions held on December 2, 2025 & December 30, 2025. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (5-0)

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

• **Margaret Brumm, Marquette**, stated the following 1) Unhappy about the absences of the newly appointed Commissioner Numinen. 2) Stated her disappointment for the County not having contacts in place regarding where people and animals should go when there is a crippling snowstorm in the County. 3) Stated SNAP Benefits are back in place; however many folks were struggling for weeks without help. Ms. Brumm along with Jilbert's Dairy handed out donated milk and butter paid for by Ms. Brumm. Stating things are desperate now and if you can help, others please step up!

• **Doug Miller, Marquette**, currently a volunteer pilot for Angel Network, he questioned Commissioners concerning the termination of Kubick as the FBO for Marquette County. Explaining what FBO's do and the importance of their work. Pointing out the quality of service is necessary. Also, requested the board to look at Hangar 26 and repair the door.

• **Eric Sibley, Iron Mountain**, operates six airplanes out of Iron Mountain, A & P License holder with 25 years of experience. Mr. Sibley gave statistics with comparable airports and the need for a competent FBO in Marquette County.

**5. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

• **Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to approve Total Expenditures paid via check & EFT Transfers for the period of December 12, 2025 through December 30, 2025 were \$1,424,059.72; biweekly payroll for the period ending December 20, 2025 was \$884,670.61. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (5-0)

**6. PUBLIC HEARING**

**7. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:**

- **Undersheriff Stats for December**

Corrections: Average Jail Population=80; Board Out=30; Homeless=25; Federal Inmates=1

**Law Enforcement:** Calls for Service=304; Case Reports=52; Crashes=74; Civil Papers Served=89; Received=123

**Special Operations:** Personal Injury Crashes=5; Water/Ice Rescue=1; Structure Fires=2; Missing Person=1; Public Assist=1

**Front Office:** Handguns Registered=233; Warrants=49; Protective Orders Entered=21; Sex Offenders Verified=31; Background Requests=52

## **8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **9. ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **a. Annual Review of County Board of Commissioners Index/Rules of Order**

#### **RULES OF ORDER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARQUETTE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Adopted pursuant to authority granted by MCLA 46.11(p) The great purpose of all rules and forms is to sub serve the will of the assembly, not restrain it, and to facilitate, not obstruct, the expression of its deliberate sense.

#### **SECTION I - BOARD ORGANIZATION**

##### **I-1. CHAIR PRO TEM; JANUARY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR.**

At the last meeting of each year, the Board shall designate by a majority vote a Chair Pro Tem to serve from December 31 to the opening of the Organizational Meeting if the present chair shall be ineligible to serve on the Board during the next term. In the absence of such ineligibility, the present chair shall serve until the opening of the Organizational Meeting. At the first meeting of the Board of Commissioners held in January of each year, the Chair Pro Tem shall open the meeting, the County Clerk shall call the roll, and if a quorum is found to be present, the Board shall proceed to nominate and elect one of their members as chair. The commissioner receiving the majority of all votes cast shall be Chair of said Board and immediately assume the duties thereof. The Chair shall first proceed to the election of a Vice-Chair by a roll call vote.

##### **I-2. JANUARY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; REVIEW AND REVISION OF RULES; MEETING SCHEDULE**

During the January Organizational Meeting, the Commission shall review and revise, if deemed necessary, the Rules and shall set the schedule for all regular board meetings for the year.

#### **SECTION II - COMMITTEES**

##### **II-1. STATUTORY FINANCE COMMITTEE**

II-1.1 The Chair of the Board shall appoint three commissioners to the Statutory Finance Committee no later than the Monday following the Organizational Meeting.

II-1.2 The Statutory Finance Committee shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair at its first meeting.

##### **II-2. SPECIAL AND SELECT COMMITTEES**

The Chair shall appoint all special and select committees unless otherwise ordered by the Board. The Chair of the Board will be a member of all committees so appointed.

##### **II-3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

All members of the Board may meet as a Committee of the Whole when necessary for the informal discussion of matters that may come before the Board of Commissioners or any committee of the Board.

##### **II-4. STRUCTURE OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

II-4.1 The Chair of the Board shall be Chair of the Committee of the Whole and shall call the Committee of the Whole to order at the time, place, and date set for its meeting.

II-4.2 The Chair shall conduct the order of the Committee in a reasonable manner so as to permit free and informal discussions of all matters by all members of the Committee. On motions to refer matters to the Board or other committees, the Chair shall state the motion and call for a vote.

II-4.3 When meeting as a Committee of the Whole, the Board is cautioned from taking any formal final action on any business then before the Board of any committee of the Board without the express approval, made in the form of a motion and approved by a majority of the board present

II-4.4 The Committee of the Whole may vote to refer any matter to any other committee of the Board or to the Board of Commissioners for formal or final action. Such reference to a committee of the Board may be accompanied by a recommendation as to policy or disposition.

##### **II-5. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES**

Any matter referred to committee remains the property of that committee until reported to the full Board, or another committee, either by a date specified in the motion or at the earliest convenience of said committee. Any matter not reported

to the Board within a reasonable length of time may be brought upon the floor for consideration by a majority vote of those present.

**II-6. SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

All committee meetings shall be noticed and posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. No scheduled committee meeting shall be changed to another time or date unless all members of the committee are polled and a majority agree to the change.

**SECTION III - CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR****III-1. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair shall preside over all meetings of the Board. He/she shall immediately call the meeting to order at its schedule time, and on the appearance of a quorum he/she shall proceed with the meeting pursuant to the order of business set forth at Section IV-3. Authority for the execution of all documents requiring signature as a result of action taken by the Board of Commissioners shall be expressly vested in the Chair or the Vice-Chair in the Chair's absence; said signature shall be affixed in the presence of the Clerk or his/her deputy.

\*Additionally, in practice, a quorum is not established by roll call and minutes are not read aloud.

**III-2. EMERGENCY MEETINGS**

A previously scheduled regular meeting may be cancelled and rescheduled, or a meeting may be called by the Chair when, in his or her discretion, an emergency exists, provided notice is given to each member and such additional notice is given as required by the Open Meetings Act. An emergency is defined as a sudden and unexpected turn of events requiring immediate action.

**III-3. DISORDERLY CONDUCT**

It shall be the duty of the Chair to preserve order and to call to his/her aid, for that purpose, the Sheriff of the County or his Deputy. The Chair shall suppress any disorderly conduct and shall strictly enforce the rules and regulations of the Board.

**III-4. AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT OTHER MEETINGS**

III-4.1 The Chairperson of the Board is authorized to send to any meeting, convention, or function deemed important to the conduct of County business, those persons deemed necessary in numbers appropriate to the occasion. Said members shall travel by the mode of transportation most suited to the situation, and action taken by the Chair shall be subject to later review by the County Board of Commissioners. It is expected that a written or oral report concerning participation in such activities will be submitted to the full Board by the designated participating delegate. Failure to report those activities to the County Board will result in loss of the privilege to represent the Board at such functions.

III-4.2 In addition, Board members serving in the capacity as commissioners on other boards and commissions will be expected to periodically report to the County Board on the activities of that board or commission.

**III-5. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE VICE-CHAIR**

When the chair is absent from Board meetings, or otherwise incapacitated during the interim, the Vice-Chair shall assume all the duties and obligations of the Chair.

**III-6. TEMPORARY CHAIR**

Both the Chair and Vice-Chair, when presiding, shall have the right to name any member of the Board to perform the duties of the Chair temporarily.

**SECTION IV - MEETINGS; PROCEDURE****IV-1. QUORUM**

A majority of all the Commissioners duly elected and/or qualified shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**V-2. AGENDA**

The agenda for each regular and committee of the whole meeting and any special or emergency meeting shall be prepared by the Chair or his designee. Prior to the meeting, any items for discussion shall be placed on the agenda at the request of a Commissioner or county official. Such requests shall be made by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the meeting. At any meeting when the agenda is being considered for approval, agenda items may be advanced to the Privileged Comment section upon request of a Commissioner or upon request of any person with approval of the Board. Items not appearing on the published agenda may be added at a meeting under Late Additions upon a majority vote of the Board.

**IV-3. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The order of business of the Board of Commissioners shall be as follows:

---

- 1. Call to Order—Pledge of Allegiance- Roll Call
- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Approval of the minutes
- 4. Proclamations, Presentations & Awards
- 5. Public Comment (5 minutes per person)
- 6. Review of Claim and Accounts
- 7. Public Hearings
- 8. Privileged Comment
- 9. Informational Items
- 10. Action Items.
- 11. Late Additions
- 12. Public Comment (3 minutes per person)
- 13. Commissioner, Staff Comments & Announcements
- 14. Closed Session
- 15. Adjournment

**IV-4. CLERK; MINUTES**

The County Clerk or his/her Deputy shall attend all meetings of the County Board and its various Committees. He/She shall keep correct minutes of the Board's proceedings.

**IV-5. ORDER OF SPEAKING**

No member shall speak a second time on a question until all others who wish to speak have had an opportunity to speak once.

**IV-6. SIMULTANEOUS SPEAKING**

When two or more members address the Chair at the same time, the Chair shall designate the member who is first to speak, but in all other cases, the member who shall first address the Chair shall speak first.

**IV-7. RIGHT OF SPEAKING**

Only members of the Board of Commissioners shall be given the right to speak during any Board meeting except:

- 1. Any person with the consent of the majority of the Board members present;
- 2. Any member of the public speaking under the privilege of Public Comment;
- 3. Any staff person, when requested by a member of the Board.
- 4. Any member of the public, speaking during a Public Hearing.

**IV-8. MEMBER CALLED TO ORDER.**

A member called to order shall immediately relinquish the floor, unless permitted to explain, and the Board, if appealed to, shall decide the case. If an appeal is not made, the decision of the Chair shall stand. On an appeal, no member shall speak more than once without the consent of the Board.

**IV-9. DIVISION OF QUESTION**

If a question in debate contains several points, any member may ask for and have the same divided.

**IV-10. SUSPENSION OF RULES; AMENDMENTS**

No rule of the Board shall be suspended, altered, or amended without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting.

**IV-11. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER**

The rules of parliamentary practice set forth in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (11<sup>th</sup> Edition) shall be used as a guide, provided they are not in conflict with the Board's rules or the laws of the State of Michigan.

**IV-12. PRIVILEGED COMMENT**

By Consensus of the Board Privileged Comment may be granted to members of the public desiring to address specified agenda items at any regular or special meeting of the Board or Committee of the Whole. These identified agenda items shall then be moved forward to Privileged Comment to allow interested persons to speak to those items without delay and the Board to take whatever action is necessary. The Chair may specify and limit the time allowed for each speaker.

**IV-13. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment is an opportunity for citizens of the County to voice their opinions concerning issues regarding the operation of County government in Marquette County. Individuals will be limited to five minutes per person for the first Public Comment and three minutes per person for the Second Public Comment, with a one-minute warning issued by the Chairperson that time

is about to expire. The County Clerk will be responsible to keep time on individuals and inform the Board Chairperson when time limits have expired. At the close of Public Comment, County Board members may address issues raised by citizens during the Public Comment session.

**IV-14. CLOSED SESSIONS**

**IV-14.1** When possible, the purpose of a closed session should be clearly stated on the meeting agenda and stated in the motion to call a closed session.

**IV-14.2** When a closed session is added to the agenda as a late addition, the County Administrator and/or Civil Counsel shall provide the purpose of the closed session in writing so it can be stated as part of the motion to call a closed session.

**IV-14.3** A roll call vote shall be required to call a closed session, and the roll call vote and purpose for calling the closed session shall be entered into the minutes per the Open Meetings Act.

**IV-15. SPECIAL MEETINGS**

**IV-15.1** Pursuant to MCL 46.10, as amended, Special Meeting of the Board shall be held only when requested by at least one-third (1/3) of the members of the Board. Such request shall be in writing, shall be addressed to the County Clerk, and shall specify the time, date, place, and purpose of the meeting.

**IV-15.2** Upon receipt of such a request, the County Clerk shall schedule the requested Special Meeting, which shall contain, at a minimum, the time, date, place, and purpose of the scheduled Special Meeting.

**V-15.3** the Clerk shall thereupon cause Notice of the scheduled Special Meeting to be given to each of the Commissioners not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled Special Meeting, by the following methods:

- a. by causing a copy of the written Notice to be delivered personally or via e-mail to the Commissioners; or,
- b. by causing a copy of the written Notice to be left at the residence of the Commissioner; or,
- c. verbally, either in person or by telephone or cell phone, at which time the written Notice shall be read to the Commissioners verbatim. If this method of notice is used, the Verbal notice may be given to a Commissioner personally, or a message left with another person, or on a telephone-answering device, all of which will be considered sufficient notice for purposes of this Section. The Clerk shall cause to be made, contemporaneously with the delivery of such Notice, a record indicating the method, location, date and time that such Notice was provided to each Commissioner, and, if by telephone, the number at which such Commissioner was reached.

**IV-15.4** Timely Notice given to any Commissioner by any of the methods above described shall be deemed to be sufficient notice to such Commissioner, whether or not actually received by such Commissioner.

**IV-15.5** Notwithstanding these Notice requirements, a Commissioner may, but is not required to, waive the requirement of timely Notice of a Special Meeting, provided that such waiver is made on the record at the commencement of the meeting.

**IV-16. ELECTRONIC MEETINGS**

**IV.16.1. Authorization.** The Board may meet electronically by telephonic or video conferencing in whole or part for any reason authorized by the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976, as amended. Additionally, when requested by a qualified individual in order to fully participate in Board meetings, electronic participation is authorized as a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 USC 12131 et seq. See Michigan Attorney General Opinion No. 7318 (February 4, 2022). *\*Staff would be responsible for keeping the Board apprised of any material changes to the authorized reasons for electronic meetings.*

**IV.16.2. Notice by Member.** As soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours before a meeting, any member who is authorized and intends to participate electronically shall notify the Chair, County Administrator, or Administrator's Assistant of his or her intent to participate remotely.

**IV.16.3. Public Notice.** At least 18 hours before any electronic meeting, the County Clerk shall post a notice of the public meeting on the County website, which shall include why the Board is meeting electronically in whole or part, how members of the public may participate electronically, how members of the public may contact Board members to provide input or ask questions on any business that will come before the Board at the meeting, and how persons with disabilities may participate in the meeting.

**IV.16.4. Two-way Communication.** Two-way communication is required for all electronic meetings, which ensures that members of the Board can hear and be heard by other members of the Board and so that public participants can hear members of the Board and can be heard by members of the Board and other participants during public comment. Except for public comment, members of the public participating electronically will be muted during the meeting.

**IV.16.5. Public Announcement.** At the beginning of the meeting, any member participating electronically must personally

announce his or her electronic participation and, except for electronic participation due to military duty, that announcement shall include the county, city, township, or village and state where he or she is physically located.

**IV.16.6. Considered Present.** Members who participate electronically as authorized by the Open Meetings Act shall be considered present and able to participate in, and vote on, business before the Board.

**IV.16.7. Roll Call Vote.** All voting shall be taken by roll call vote when any member participates electronically.

**SECTION V -MOTIONS**

**V-1. PRIVILEGED MOTIONS.**

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received or entertained but the following:

To adjourn.

To close debate on the pending question.

To lay on the table.

To postpone to a certain day.

To commit, amend or substitute.

-which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

**V-2. MOTION TO TABLE; MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

The motion to adjourn shall always be in order, and the motion to lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

**V-3. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

A motion for reconsideration of a decision shall be in order when:

1. The motion is made at the same meeting or the following meeting and by one who voted with the prevailing side on the original motion; or,
2. Made by a commissioner who was absent at the time of the vote on the original motion at the first meeting attended by that commissioner subsequent to the meeting at which the vote on the original motion was taken; or,
3. Made by a new commissioner seated subsequent to the vote on the original motion, within sixty (60) days after the filing of his/her oath of office.

**V-4. MOTION TO RESCIND**

A motion to rescind a previous action requires a two-thirds vote, or a majority vote, when notice or intent to make the motion, stating the complete substance of the proposed change, has been given at the previous meeting or in the call of the present meeting. A motion to rescind a previous action is not in order when:

1. It has been previously moved to reconsider the vote on the original motion; or
2. When something has been done as a result of the vote on the original motion that is impossible to undo; or,
3. The original motion accepted a resignation or made an appointment, and the other party has already been informed of the action.

**V-5. SECONDS; WRITTEN MOTIONS**

No motion or resolution shall be debated or put to the Board unless the same has been seconded and, before voting, stated by the Chair, and any such motion or resolution shall be reduced to writing if the Chair, Clerk, or any member so desires. Any motion or resolution reduced to writing by a member of the Board of Commissioners shall be spread verbatim on the minutes of the meeting.

**V-6. WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION.**

After a motion shall be stated by the chair, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Board but may be withdrawn by the maker of the motion at any time before amended or otherwise acted upon.

**SECTION VI - DEBATE**

**VI-1. DEBATE PROCEDURE.**

In debate, members shall confine their remarks to the merits of the pending questions. Members shall address all remarks through the Chair and not to one another directly. Members shall always be referred to by their official titles.

**VI-2. DEBATE.**

When an agenda item is pending, a member may make a motion to have the clerk read the packet materials concerning that item into the record. Such a motion may also be made after voting on an item.

**VI-3. DECORUM.**

When a question is pending, a member or a person permitted to make public comment can condemn the nature or likely consequences of the proposed measure in strong terms, but shall avoid personalities, and under no circumstances, attack or

question the motives of any member or other speaker on the subject. The measure, not the person, is the subject of debate.

#### **SECTION VII - VOTING**

##### **VII-1. ROLL CALL VOTE: COMMISSIONERS PRESENT; EXCUSE.**

A roll call vote shall proceed by district from the person making the motion, with the Chair voting last. Every member who shall be present when a question is last stated by the Chair, and no others, shall vote for or against the same, unless the Board shall excuse him/her, or unless he/she be prohibited by law from voting on the question.

##### **VII-2. ROLL CALL VOTES**

A roll call vote shall be taken on any question when called for by any member of the Board, otherwise, all votes shall be by acclamation. The Chair shall determine and announce the outcome of each vote.

##### **VII-3. ROLL CALL VOTES; ENTRY UPON MINUTES**

Upon a roll call vote, the names of those who voted for or against the same shall be entered by district in the minutes, and each member called upon, unless for special reasons he/she shall be excused by unanimous consent of the Board, shall declare openly and without debate his/her assent or dissent to the question.

##### **VII-4. CHAIR VOTE.**

The Chair must vote on all roll call questions unless excused by a unanimous vote of the Board. He/she may vote on all questions before the Board, except on appeal from his/her own decisions.

#### **SECTION VIII - HEARINGS**

##### **VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS RULES OF PROCEDURE.**

**VIII-1.1** Whenever a public hearing on any issue is convened by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners or committee thereof, the Chair shall commence the public hearing by:

- a. Stating the purpose of the hearing.
- b. Advising the public in attendance on the rules procedure set forth in this rule.

**VIII-1.2** The Chair shall be responsible for order and procedure at all public hearings and enforce this rule, as well as the general rules of order of the County Board of Commissioners, to the extent applicable.

**VIII-1.3** All persons, organizations, firms, partnerships, corporations, or other such entities shall have the right to address the Board either individually or by agent or representative. Each person addressing the Board must give his name and the name of any organization if he is speaking on behalf of that organization.

**VIII-1.4** All presentations to the Board during a public hearing shall be limited to a reasonable time length.

**VIII-1.5** The Board of Commissioners may specifically limit the length of time for each presentation, if necessary.

**VIII-1.6** Those parties addressing the Board may also submit such written materials, documents, petitions, and exhibits to support their presentations.

**VIII-1.7** Following each presentation, each Board member may question the individual making the Presentation.

**Board action:** Comm. Nordeen moved to adopt the Index/Rules of Order for 2026 as presented above.

Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (5-0)

##### **b. Adopt the 2026 Meeting Schedule**

January 6, 2026 (Organizational Meeting)	July 7, 2026
January 20, 2026	July 21, 2026
February 3, 2026	*August 3, 2026
February 17, 2026	August 18, 2026
March 3, 2026	September 1, 2026
March 17, 2026	September 15, 2026
April 7, 2026	October 6, 2026
April 14, 2026 (Equalization Meeting)	October 13, 2026 (Annual Meeting)
April 21, 2026	October 20, 2026
May 5, 2026	*November 2, 2026
May 19, 2026	November 17, 2026

<b>June 2, 2026</b>	<b>December 1, 2026</b>
<b>June 16, 2026</b>	<b>December 15, 2026</b>

**Board action:** Comm. LaLonde moved to adopt the 2026 Meeting Schedule as presented. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (5-0)

**c. Design Contract for Airfield Pavement Marking & Sealing**

**David Erhart, Airport Manager**, was present to explain the following: On a recurring basis, Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport repaints the airfield pavement markings and completes pavement crack sealing. The need for frequent maintenance is due to the heavy winter wear from snow removal operations and staff have coordinated the next cycle for this operation completed during the 2026 construction season. This project by using Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL) funds that will be available mid-year 2026, but staff is requesting approval to pre-funding the design be completed during the coming months. An internal fee estimate completed by staff comparing the estimate to previous iterations of this scope of work, and the cost was determined to be within reason.

A breakdown of funding for the project is included below:

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Federal (95%)	\$ 21,090.00
State (5%)	\$ 1,110.00
Local (0%)	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 22,200.00</b>

To enable this project to remain on schedule with the 2026 construction season, Marquette County would need to pre-fund the design portion, however, federal and state funding portions become available after the BIL Grant awarded and local pre-funding be fully reimbursed for a 0% local share.

\*Comm. Nordeen noted that for all the contracts that the board awards to Meade and Hunt it would be nice to see them attend a board meeting every now and then.

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to approve the design contract between Marquette County and Mead & Hunt Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$22,200.00 and authorize Chairperson Derocha to sign the contract, contingent on contract review. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (5-0)

**d. Sheriff's Department - 2025 Public Safety Line Item Transfer Request**

**Undersheriff Larson** was present to explain the following: Marquette County Sheriff's Office Technical Rescue Unit is in need of new air packs. The current pair packs are an excess of twenty years old. Half of the air packs have failed in recent function test. Replacement of the twelve air packs to be in excess of \$240,000 and we are looking at attempting to do this in 2026.

We are requesting that the remainder of the 2025 Public Safety Line Item transferred to Rescue Safety reserves in preparation for the need to purchase new air packs. Currently, the remaining funds for the 2025 Public Safety Line Item is \$183,733.14. The recent approval of Lt. Alex Gill's request for two new patrol vehicles estimated at \$108,468.00. The remaining balance of the Public Safety Line Item estimated to be \$75,265.15.

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to transfer the remainder of the 2025 Public Safety Line Item funds to the Rescue Safety Reserves utilized for new air packs for the Technical Rescue Unit. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (5-0)

**e. Sheriff's Department - Snowmobile Purchase**

**Lt. Brian Kurin** was present to explain the following: On November 6, 2025, a Request for Proposals (RFP) posted on the County website for a new snowmobile for the Sheriff's Office. In addition to posting on the website, the RFP mailed directly via email to local vendors. The date/time set for the sealed bid openings posted for December 2, 2025 at 1:00 PM. The main purpose for this snowmobile is to patrol snowmobile trails throughout the county.

On December 2, 2025 at 1:00 PM, Lt. Gill and Cpl. Thomas started opening and reviewing the three vendors and three bids received. No one requested nor arrived to witness the bid opening. A tabulation of all bids received is enclosed. All of the bids appeared to meet the specifications set in the RFP. The three bids that met specifications are as follows:

\$13,460.99 Ride North, Ishpeming, MI (Bid 2)  
\$13,495.00 Fish and Hunt Shop, Curtis, MI (Bid 1)  
\$14,093.00 Logistics 365, Norfolk, NE (Bid 3)

Funding is available from Michigan State Snowmobile Grant with 85% maximum covering \$11,441.00 of the lowest bid. The grant portion requested to replace one of our 2011 ArctiCat Snowmobiles, when auctioned, those funds from the auction will cover the remaining purchase cost, outfitting with emergency lights and decals.

**Board action:** Comm. LaLonde moved to purchase the specified snowmobile from Ride North in an amount not to exceed \$13,460.99. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (5-0)

**11. LATE ADDITIONS**

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- **Barb Schultz, Powell Twp**, urged Commissioners to do their due diligence when considering data centers in the Upper Peninsula. Ms. Schultz was strongly opposed to data centers in our area.
- **Eric Sibley, Iron Mountain**, pointed out to Commissioners the possible lost revenue out at the Airport with ongoing leases being severely undervalued stating they all should be relooked at.

*With no further public comment to come before the board, this portion of the meeting is closed.*

**13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Comm. Nordeen** stated he enjoyed public comment tonight, thanking Margaret Brumm for helping the community and he agreed relooking at existing contracts at the airport is a great idea.
- **Comm. Alholm** wished everyone a Happy New Year!
- **Comm. LaLonde** enjoyed public comment as well and will be meeting with Cathy Ruppert concerning pets in inclement weather.
- **Comm. Adamini** stated he was happy to be present this evening!
- Staff wished everyone a Happy New Year & thanked Margaret Brumm for supporting the community.
- **Chairperson Derocha** wished all a Happy New Year!

**14. CLOSED SESSION: MCL 15.268(1)(a):** To consider the dismissal, suspension, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, or to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent, if the named individual requests a closed hearing.

**Board action:** Comm. LaLonde moved to go into closed session with the MCL stated above. Second by Comm. Nordeen. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. LaLonde, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm, Comm. Adamini and Chairperson Derocha. Nays: None. Absent: Comm. Numinen. Motion adopted (5-0)

\*\*\*\*Cleared Chambers for the Closed Session\*\*\*\*

**Board action:** Comm. Nordeen moved to follow Civil Counsel recommendation for arbitration. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (5-0)

**15. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.



Linda K. Talsma  
Marquette County Clerk

Joseph Derocha, Chairperson  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners