

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

**Room 231, Marquette County Courthouse Annex, 234 W. Baraga Ave.,
Marquette, Michigan 49855**

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:**
 - Equalization Meeting minutes held April 14, 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 and EFT Transfers for the period April 10, 2026 through April 16, 2026 were \$665,801.44; biweekly payroll for the period ending April 11, 2026 was \$938,162.72.
7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
 - Clean Water Project Public Comment & Presentation by GEI Consultants
8. **PRIVILEGED COMMENT**
9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
10. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - a. Clean Water Project Resolution
 - b. Outlook 365 Migration Recommendation
 - c. Opioid Settlement Agreement (no packet material)
 - d. Airline Use Agreements (Terminal, Gate, & Landing Fees)
 - e. U.S. Army, Yulista Contract Services. LLC Short-term Lease Proposal
 - f. USDA Forest Service Agreement, Hangar 402
 - g. Construction Code Ordinances
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**

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**EQUALIZATION MEETING – APRIL 14, 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. Numinen, Comm. LaLonde, Comm. Alholm, Comm. Nordeen and Chairperson Derocha

Absent & Excused: Comm. Benzie

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the agenda with the removal of action item 10b. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (5-0)

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Board action: Comm. Numinen moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes held on April 7, 2026. Second by Comm. Lalonde. Motion adopted (5-0)

4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **John Gumaer**, spoke in favor of the resolution of action item 10c.
- **Mike Smith**, thanked the board for removing action item 10b from the agenda.
- **Maragret Brumm**, voiced her displeasure regarding Comm. Benzie's absence since being appointed. She also brought up an issue regarding sewage backups in some Marquette City residential rental units, and requested information as to where the tenants can get help.

6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the total expenditures paid via check & EFT transfers for the period April 2, 2026 through April 9, 2026 were \$304,723.00 (This amount does not include check payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (5-0)

Board action: Comm. LaLonde moved to approve check #238248, dated 4/10/2026 for \$537.61 payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric. Second by Comm. Numinen. Motion adopted Abstained: Comm. Alholm

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:

- **Update from Veteran Affairs Office by Director Diana Dost**, explained that Marquette County has approximately 4800 veterans, of which the Veteran Affairs Office serves about 1500. They provide services such as assistance with disability claims, appeals, burial and survivor benefits, health care enrollment, and transportation (free of cost to the veterans). Last year the office filed 349 new claims & 172 appeals. This year there have been 71 new claims & 151 appeals thus far. She addressed the PACT Act of 2022 which brought in new veterans who have never filed before. Diana would like to see more public outreach when the office becomes fully staffed. She also explained the DAV program, and the shortage of volunteer drivers. Diana thanked the board for the opportunity to speak today.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. ACTION ITEMS

a. Presentation by Equalization Director of the Recommended Valuations for the 22 Assessing Units

- 1. Possible Comment by any Assessing Unit Representative**
- 2. Board Action to Establish the Equalization Valuations per L-4024**
- 3. Information on Percent Changed in Assessed Values from 2025-2026**

Nicole Merlo, Equalization Director, was present to explain that the Equalization Department has completed its review of the 2026 assessment roles of the nineteen (19) Townships and three (3) Cities in Marquette County. The 2026 Marquette County Equalization Report prepared by the Marquette County Equalization Director is submitted

for approval and adoption. The recommended County Equalization Value for 2025 is 5,482,787,988. This value is a combination of 5,091,076,558 of Real Property and 391,711,430 of Personal Property.

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to Establish the Equalization Valuations per L-4024. Second by Comm. LaLonde. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Nordeen, Comm. LaLonde, Comm. Numinen, Comm. Alholm, Chairperson Derocha. Nays: none. Absent: Comm. Benzie. Motion passed (5-0)

~~b. Construction Code Rescinding Ordinance~~

c. Resolution in Support of P.E.O.P.L.E.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF P.E.O.P.L.E.

(Policies Encouraging Overall Professional Law Enforcement)

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners recognizes that our local law enforcement agencies, including the Michigan State Police, Marquette County Sheriff Department, Marquette City Police, the Township Police Departments, and Campus Public Safety, exemplify the Gold Standard of law enforcement professionalism; and

WHEREAS, all our local law enforcement agencies have adopted policies and procedures designed to ensure the safety of our community, prevent criminal activity, and effectively conduct criminal investigations; and,

WHEREAS, all our local law enforcement agencies have developed appropriate protocols to guide individual officers in the performance of their duties, including:

1. wearing standard issue uniforms, badging, and name tags to clearly identify agencies and individual officers;
2. utilizing body camera and dash camera recording equipment to document police/citizen encounters;
3. following strict use of force policies to prevent unnecessary escalation of conflicts;
4. strictly adhering to state and federal law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners expects and encourages any other law enforcement agency coming into our community to meet these same standards of professionalism.

Board action: Comm. Numinen moved to adopt the Resolution in Support of P.E.O.P.L.E. Second by Comm. LaLonde. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Numinen, Comm. LaLonde, Comm Alholm. Nays: Comm Nordeen & Chairperson Derocha. Absent Comm. Benzie. Motion passed (3-2)

11. LATE ADDITIONS

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Margaret Brumm**, commended the commissioners on the civil debate over the adoption of the resolution 10c.
- **Rick Edward (AFSME)** thanked the commissioners for removing action item 10b from the agenda and for passing the resolution 10c.

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 Numinen** thanked the board for the debate about the resolution 10c.
- **Comm. LaLonde** also thanked the board for the discussion about resolution 10c.
- **Comm. Nordeen** thanked Margaret Brumm for her comments, and recommends that the Mqt Co. residents with the sewage backup issues call Patrick Jacuzzo at the Mqt Co. Health Department. He briefly discussed the Warranty of Habitability.

- **Chairperson Derocha** explained that he received dozens of phone calls from the residents in his district to not support the resolution 10c, that wasn't the reason he opposed adoption. His concerns are with the broader responsibility of Marquette County as a whole.

14. CLOSED SESSION

- 15. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.



Cory Beth Grigg
Deputy Marquette County Clerk

Joseph Derocha, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners