

REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY- AUGUST 3, 2026 – 6:00 P.M. – COMMISSIONERS ROOM 231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON DEROCHA AT 6:00 P.M.

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call - Present:** Comm. Numinen, Comm. Benzie, Comm. LaLonde, Comm. Alholm and Chairperson Derocha **Absent & Excused:** Comm. Nordeen

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Board Action: Comm. LaLonde moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes held July 21, 2026 as presented. Second by Comm. Benzie. Motion adopted (5-0)

4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Margaret Brumm**, Marquette, gave the board of the current monetary support she has received for her cigarette butt recycling program, also thanked the board for listening to her and their patience.
- **Ruby Miller**, We the People, spoke about needed improvements to the public transit system and website, and the importance of the service.
- **Kaitlyn Jenson**, supports a safe way to get around the county for all who need to use public transit and would like to see the website improved.
- **Doug Miller**, voiced his support for action item 10L, and explained the importance of the Northwoods Lifeline service to the community.
- **Barb Owdziej**, Mqt Co Transit Authority, spoke about the importance of the service to the community and agrees the website needs improvement.
- **Donovan Young**, We the People, supports MarqTran and its importance to the community.
- **Meg**, Chocolay Township, expressed the importance of the MarqTran service to home-schooled kids, young adults, disabled, and the elderly.
- **Chad Cedar**, Negaunee, expressed the importance of access to public transportation & its impact on the community.
- **Joseph Sherman**, city resident, was in support of improvements to MarqTran services and its website.
- **Philip**, Negaunee, supports public transportation improvements.
- **James**, Mqt, would like to see improvements to the MarqTran website.
- **Daisy Ray**, Mqt, supports the MarqTran and improvements.
- **Zeke McClure**, We the People, supports increased funding for public transportation.

6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Board action: Comm. LaLonde moved to approve the total expenditures paid via check & EFT transfers for the period July 17, 2026 through July 30, 2026 were \$1,691,179.35; and biweekly payroll for the period ending July 18, 2026 was \$946,075.03. Second by Comm. Benzie. Motion adopted (5-0)

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:

- **Sheriff Department Stats for July 2026**

Corrections: Average Jail Population 80 **Law Enforcement:** Calls for Service = 358; Case Reports = 57; Crashes = 53; Civil Papers Served = 172; Civil Papers Received = 195

Special Operations: Personal Injury Crashes = 3; Water/Ice Rescue = 6; Structure Fire = 2; Missing Person = 2; Injured Person Extraction Accident = 1; Distressed = 1; Public Assist = 3 – **Front Office:** Handgun Registration = 120; Warrants Entered = 43; Protective Orders Entered = 26; Sex Offenders Verified = 18; Background Requests = 48

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Cigarette Butt Resolution

RESOLUTION DECLARING CIGARETTE BUTTS-AND OTHER TOBACCO WASTE LITTERING-UNACCEPTABLE IN MARQUETTE COUNTY

WHEREAS, cigarette butts and other tobacco waste are among the most commonly littered items worldwide and are frequently found on land, beaches, storm drains, roadways, sidewalks, waterways, and in parks; and **WHEREAS**, cigarette butts and other tobacco waste contain toxic substances that pose cumulative and persistent risks to the environment, public health, wildlife, and the financial resources of local governments responsible for cleanup and remediation; and

WHEREAS, littering is prohibited under applicable state law and local ordinances within Marquette County, and the Marquette County Board of Commissioners seeks to reinforce public awareness and compliance with these laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby declares that the disposal of cigarette butts and other tobacco-related waste in any location other than approved waste receptacles is unacceptable and constitutes littering within Marquette County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that individuals observed disposing of cigarette butts or other tobacco waste improperly may be subject to enforcement action, including citations and fines, in accordance with applicable statutes and ordinances, as enforced by the Marquette County Sheriff's Office or other authorized agencies.

Board action: Comm. Numinen moved to adopt the Resolution Declaring Cigarette Butts and other Tobacco Waste Littering-Unacceptable in Marquette County. Second by Comm. Benzie. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Numinen, Comm. Benzie, Comm. LaLonde, Comm. Alholm and Chairperson Derocha. Nays: None. Absent~ Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (5-0)

b. Resolution in Support of House Bill 6105 (Lake Level Assessment Funding Reform)

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 6105 (LAKE LEVEL ASSESSMENT FUNDING REFORM)

WHEREAS, Marquette County administers lake level special assessment districts under Part 307 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection act; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan, through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), is responsible for paying its proportional share of lake level assessments for state-owned lands; and

WHEREAS, the current Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) formula does not provide sufficient funding for the State's required lake level obligations, resulting in repeated shortfalls that shift costs onto local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, counties across Michigan have raised concerns that the State's underpayment creates an unfunded mandate and places an unfair financial burden on local lake level districts; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 6105, sponsored by Representative Kunse, would correct this inequity by ensuring the State fully funds its statutory lake level responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) has identified HB 6105 as a priority fix needed to protect county budgets and prevent local taxpayers from subsidizing State obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its full support for House Bill 6105 and urges the Michigan Legislature to enact this corrective legislation without delay; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Representative Karl Bohnak, Senator Ed McBroom, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the Governor's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Marquette County encourages swift legislative action to ensure fair, predictable, and fully funded lake level assessments for all Michigan counties.

Board action: Comm. Numinen moved to adopt the Resolution in Support of House Bill 6105 (Lake Level Assessment Funding Reform). Second by Comm. Alholm. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Numinen, Comm. Benzie, Comm. LaLonde, Comm. Alholm and Chairperson Derocha. Nays: None. Absent~ Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (5-0)

c. Scorpion Asphalt Road Repair Project

Duane DuRay, Mgt Co. Administrator, was present to discuss the following: requests that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners consider awarding a contract for a road repair project within the K.I. Sawyer Water/Wastewater Department.

An abandoned water lateral underneath Panther Street ruptured and the repair required a portion of the asphalt to be removed. The affected area is located within the residential portion of K.I. Sawyer and consists of approximately a 15-foot by 18-foot section of roadway that now requires restoration.

Staff developed and advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) through multiple outlets, including the Marquette County website, the Sawyer Water/Wastewater Department website, the Builders Exchange, and direct solicitation of qualified contractors.

The scope of work includes preparing the roadway in accordance with Marquette County Road Commission specifications, including:

- Preparing the subgrade for asphalt replacement;
- Saw-cutting existing bituminous pavement to provide straight edges;
- Applying edge coating to ensure proper bonding of the new pavement; and

The contract requires the work to be completed within 60 days of award. Bids were opened on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, and two proposals were received:

Contractor	Location	Total Bid
Payne and Dolan, Inc.	Marquette, MI	\$29,375
Superior Paving	Marquette, MI	\$20,100

Because this repair resulted from an unanticipated emergency waterline failure, funding for the project was not included in the 2026 budget. A budget amendment will be required to appropriate funds for the repair.

Board action: Comm. Numinen moved to award the contract to Superior Paving in the amount not to exceed \$20,100, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (5-0)

d. Request to Purchase Vehicle Using MDHHS Grant Funding

Patrick Jacuzzo, Health Officer/Director was present to explain the following: The Marquette County Health Department (MCHD) is seeking approval to purchase a 2026 Chevy Trailblazer AWD LS for use in the Harm Reduction program to support service delivery to clients. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has provided MCHD with \$40,000 specifically earmarked for the purchase and operation of a vehicle within the Harm Reduction program. In addition, MCHD also has vehicle-associated funds totaling \$19,700, consisting of:

- \$15,900 from the insurance payout for a totaled 2023 Subaru Impreza, which had been purchased

with MDHHS Essential Local Public Health Stabilization grant dollars; and

- \$3,800 from the sale of a decommissioned 2014 Chevy Cruze.

Bid request letters were sent to each car dealership within Marquette County seeking the lowest vehicle pricing. MCHD received four associated bids. The Chevy Trailblazer AWD LS came in at the lowest initial cost (\$27,393.58) compared to all competing bids. The Chevy Trailblazer AWD LS also demonstrates the lowest true cost of ownership across five years compared to all bids received per Edmunds.com data.

Board action: Comm. Benzie moved to approve MCHD to purchase a Chevy Trailblazer AWD LS in the amount not to exceed \$27,393.58 from Fox Negaunee Chevrolet/GMC. Second by Comm. LaLonde.
Motion adopted (5-0)

e. Little Trout Lake Asphalt Mural Artist Recommendation

Amy Stephens, Planner was present to explain the following: In March of 2026, the Marquette County Planning Division received a Michigan Arts and Culture Grant for \$20,000, which includes a 25% county match, to install percussive cattail sculptures and an asphalt mural at the newly renovated Little Trout Lake Park in K.I. Sawyer. \$14,300 was allocated as a flat rate for an artist to install the 1,000 square foot asphalt mural.

In June, a Request for Qualifications and Proposals was distributed publicly in the Mining Journal, the County website, and via a list of local/regional artists. Seven proposals by talented and skilled artist submitted and Timothy Robert Smith stood out to the panelists based on his strong portfolio, unique use of perspective, and 15+ years of technical experience creating murals across the world. Five panelists according to the following criteria ranked the proposals:

- Artistic Merit: Creativity, scale, environment, and quality.
- Relevance to Community: Theme and engagement.
- Artist Qualification and Experience: Track record, reliability.
- Feasibility and Logistics: Timeline, maintenance, and materials.
- Budget and Clarity: Transparency and value.

* The top three ranking artists were interviewed by members of the panel, which resulted in a recommendation to the Board.

Board action: Comm. Benzie moved to award the contract to Timothy Robert Smith. Second by Comm. LaLonde Motion adopted (5-0)

f. Car Rental Concession Agreements

David Erhart, Airport Manager was present to explain the following: request for the County Boards consideration to approve two new individual lease agreements between Marquette County and Sonju Enterprises, Inc. (Avis) and Marquette County and Enterprise Leasing Company of Detroit, LLC (Enterprise, National). Although these leases are new and have been updated to include more recent language adoptions for contracts, lease parameters remain largely unchanged with similar terms and escalations compared to the previous contracts and extensions.

LEASE PARTICULARS

Term: 5-year term – September 1, 2026-August 31, 2031

Rate Escalation: 3% annual escalator on rental counter space, a 5% escalation for the entire 5-year term compared to previous contract on janitorial and trash services as well as car wash bay rental, staggered increases in parking spaces in year 1, 3, and 5

Board action: Comm. Numinen moved to approve the new lease agreements between Marquette County and both Sonju and Enterprise as outlined above, also authorize Chairman Derocha to execute the leases. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (5-0)

g. Federal Aviation Administration Grant 3-26-0153-065-2026 Acceptance

David Erhart, Airport Manager was present to discuss the following: Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport (MSRA) staff is requesting Marquette County Board of Commissioners consider preapproving a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant SAW-GLG-3-26-0153-065-2026. Furthermore, a request to include preapproving the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Aeronautics sponsor contract that will follow the issuance of the grant. These agreements are associated with the funding for airfield re-marking and sealing work and updating the Airport's property inventory map. A project breakdown is included below:

Project Component	Federal (95%)	State (2.5%)	Local (2.5%)	Total
Engineering (Design)	\$ 21,090.00	\$ 555.00	\$ 555.00	\$ 22,200.00
Engineering (CA)	\$ 54,910.00	\$ 1,445.00	\$ 1,445.00	\$ 57,800.00
IFE	\$ 1,852.50	\$ 48.75	\$ 48.75	\$ 1,950.00
Exhibit A	\$ 495,392.03	\$ 13,036.63	\$ 13,036.64	\$ 521,465.30
Remarking	\$ 269,777.29	\$ 7,099.40	\$ 7,099.41	\$ 283,976.10
Reseal Airfield	\$ 165,044.45	\$ 4,343.26	\$ 4,343.29	\$ 173,731.00
Reseal GA Apron	\$ 167,270.91	\$ 4,401.87	\$ 4,401.87	\$ 176,074.65
Total	\$ 1,175,337.18	\$ 30,929.91	\$ 30,929.96	\$ 1,237,197.05

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to preapprove the acceptance of Grant SAW-GLG-3-26-0153-065-2026, approving Chairperson Joseph Derocha and Civil Counsel authority to sign FAA grant. Second by Comm. LaLonde. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. Numinen, Comm. Benzie, Comm. LaLonde and Chairperson Derocha. Nays: None Absent: Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (5-0)

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to adopt the resolution and the signing of the MDOT Aero Sponsor contract when receive, as is required in the acceptance process. Second by Comm. Benzie. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. Numinen, Comm. Benzie, Comm. LaLonde and Chairperson Derocha. Nays: None Absent: Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (5-0)

h. Federal Aviation Administration Grant 3-26-0153-067-2026 Acceptance

David Erhart, Airport Manager was present to discuss the following: Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport (MSRA) staff is requesting Marquette County Board of Commissioners consider pre approving a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) FAA Contract Tower (FCT) Program grant SAW-GLG-3-26-0153-067-2026. This agreement is associated with the funding for the final phase of rehabilitation work on the airport's Air Traffic Control Tower.

The scope of work for this segment of the project provides for the remaining items identified in Phase 1 of this project as needing addressed as a part of modernization of the entire tower. This fully federally funded project had a maximum grant amount of \$3,807,546 that would address as many items remaining as possible. Following the bid opening on 7/24/2026, a single responsive bidder, Cross General Contracting, Inc. submitted a bid within the budget addressing all remaining items resulting in a total project cost of \$2,112,795. A cost and scope breakdown is included below:

Engineering Services (M&H)		IFEs (Crosscheck IFE)		Contractor Services (Cross)		Project Total
Design	\$ 302,810.00	Design	\$ 1,950.00	Windows Replacement	\$ 400,200.00	
Construction Admin	\$ 341,185.00	Construction Admin	\$ 1,950.00	Shades Replacement	\$ 62,000.00	
				Cab Roof	\$ 49,000.00	
				Cab Ceiling	\$ 30,000.00	
				Cab Millwork	\$ 66,000.00	
				Cab and Stair Carpet	\$ 21,700.00	
				Elevator Modernization	\$ 453,000.00	
				Generator Replacement	\$ 292,000.00	
				Weather Equipment	\$ 91,000.00	
	\$ 643,995.00		\$ 3,900.00		\$ 1,464,900.00	\$ 2,112,795.00

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to pre approve the acceptance of Grant SAW-GLG-3-26-0153-067-2026, approving Chairperson Joseph Derocha and Civil Counsel authority to sign FAA grant once received. Second by Comm.LaLonde. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. Numinen, Comm. Benzie, Comm. LaLonde and Chairperson Derocha. Nays: None Absent: Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (5-0)

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to adopt the resolution for the contract agreement. Second by Comm. Numinen. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. Numinen, Comm. Benzie, Comm. LaLonde and Chairperson Derocha. Nays: None Absent: Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (5-0)

i. ATCT Upgrades Phase 3 Construction Administration Agreement

David Erhart, Airport Manager was present to explain the following: Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport (MSRA) staff respectfully requests approval of a Construction Administration (CA) services amendment between Marquette County and Mead & Hunt for the Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) Phase 3 Project. This amendment is a continuation of CA services provided by Mead & Hunt during the design phase of the project. This amendment extends the contract to cover services to be provided during the actual construction phase of the project, taking place primarily during 2027.

Cost and Value Assessment:

- Total Estimated Project Cost: \$2,112,795
- Construction Administration Cost (Mead & Hunt): \$341,185.00

To verify the reasonableness of the proposal, an Independent Fee Estimate (IFE) was conducted by an unaffiliated consultant. The IFE determined a fair market value range of \$380,250.00 to \$464,750.00, placing Mead & Hunt's proposal 10.3% below the low-end of market expectations, confirming both value and cost-effectiveness.

* Approval of this agreement will position the County to move forward efficiently once grant funds are awarded and ensure timely delivery of this critical infrastructure improvement project.

Board action: Comm. Numinen moved to approve the Agreement Amendment with Mead & Hunt in an amount not to exceed \$341,185 for Construction Admin Services; and Authorize Chairperson Joseph Derocha to sign the agreement, contingent upon the receipt of the FAA grant award. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (5-0)

j. US Army, Yulista Contract Services, 2026-2027 Season Lease

David Erhart, Airport Manager was present to explain the following: The U.S. Army, through Yulista Contract Services has operated out of Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport for eleven winter seasons to conduct known-icing testing on experimental aircraft. During each season, they have utilized the facilities of Hangar 663 for office space and aircraft and equipment storage and maintenance. Staff has signed a letter of intent for

this coming season to provide 663 once again for their operations. The airport, having space in Hangar 663, is able to meet this need within the requested timeframe.

Lease Particulars:

- Lease terms - September 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027 (End date may vary, dependent on conditions and operation).
- Monthly base hangar rent - \$11,188.18 per month.
- Additional monthly recurring expenses vary with services required for the operation.
- Note: Some of the miscellaneous expenses reflect services rendered by airport personnel and outside services. These charges may vary due to Lessee requests.
- Utilities – Reimburse to Marquette County at actual cost plus 15%.
- Electrical, telecommunication, and other miscellaneous upgrades to the facility will be billed on an actual cost plus 15% administrative expense for processing.

Staff is seeking the Board's approval to draft a lease between the County of Marquette and Yulista Contract Services, LLC per the terms established in the attached Letter of Intent bearing the signature of David Erhart, Airport Manager, and Michael Kinder representing Yulista Contract Services.

Board action: Comm. Benzie moved to approve the terms established in the signed Letter of Intent, direct Staff to draft a lease between the County of Marquette and Yulista Contracting Services, LLC, and authorize Chairman Derocha to execute the lease. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (5-0)

k. FBO Pickup Trucks Recommendation

Anania Tekurio, Assistant Airport Manager was present to explain the following: In preparation for Marquette County assuming fixed-base operator (FBO) services at the Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport, Airport staff solicited bids for the purchase of two new four-wheel-drive, three-quarter-ton gasoline pickup trucks. Bids received in April 2026 in anticipation of an earlier transition of FBO services; however, the award was delayed when the transition date was postponed. Although the transition timeline subsequently extended, the need for these vehicles remains as the County prepares to assume FBO operations in October 2026.

Airport staff subsequently re-engaged the original bidders to verify vehicle availability, pricing, and delivery schedules. Since the bids were submitted several of the originally proposed vehicles had been sold. The two dealerships submitting the lowest responsive bids confirmed they would honor their original quoted pricing, as summarized below:

- Todd Wenzel Automotive – Westland, Michigan
 - Vehicle 1: 2026 GMC Sierra 2500 HD Regular Cab – \$57,975.00; estimated delivery within 3–4 weeks after receipt of order; includes an 8-foot, 6-inch snowplow.
 - Vehicle 2: 2026 GMC Sierra 2500 HD Regular Cab – \$57,975.00; estimated delivery within 7–10 weeks after receipt of order; includes an 8-foot, 6-inch snowplow.
 - Total Proposed Price: \$115,950.00
- Bob Maxey Ford, Inc. – Detroit, Michigan
 - Vehicle 1: 2026 Ford F-250 Super Duty 4x4 – \$57,530.00
 - Vehicle 2: 2026 Ford F-250 Super Duty 4x4 – \$57,530.00
 - Estimated Delivery: 70–100 days after receipt of order.
 - Total Proposed Price: \$115,060.00

Although Bob Maxey Ford submitted the lower total price, its proposal did not clearly demonstrate compliance with several required bid specifications. Todd Wenzel Automotive's proposal met the required specifications, included fully specified snowplow equipment, and offered a delivery schedule that better supports the County's planned October 2026 transition to County-operated FBO services. Accordingly, Todd Wenzel Automotive was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

* This recommendation based on the dealership's ability to provide vehicles that meet the County's bid specifications within the timeframe necessary to support the October 2026 transition to County-operated FBO services.

Board action: Comm. LaLonde moved to authorize the purchase of two 2026 GMC Sierra 2500 HD Regular Cab 4x4 pickup trucks from Todd Wenzel Automotive, Westland, Michigan, for a total amount not to exceed \$115,950.00. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (5-0)

I. T-Hanger 26 Agreement with Northwoods Air Lifeline

Duane DuRay, Administrator was present to explain the following: On November 9, 2023, during an Airport Advisory Committee meeting, Mr. Jesse Bell presented information regarding Northwoods Airlifeline, a nonprofit organization comprised of volunteer pilots from Michigan's Upper Peninsula and northeast Wisconsin, requesting reduced hangar rent for an aircraft based at Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport. The organization has been operating since 1989 and has flown more than 2,200 missions, providing free air transportation for patients and their families who require access to specialized medical care that is not available locally. According to Northwoods Airlifeline, approximately 60% of its flights originate from Marquette, demonstrating the importance of the service to residents throughout Marquette County and the surrounding region.

That request was forwarded to the Marquette County Board, and funding for the hangar was ultimately approved through the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) 2% Grant Program. The grant provided funding for a 36-month period, which is scheduled to expire in June 2027. Staff has reviewed the funding needs and recommends continuing to provide hangar space at a reduced rental rate of \$1.00 per year for an additional three-year period beginning in July 2027. The current annual hangar rental rate is \$1,920.

Staff recognizes and appreciates the valuable service Northwoods Airlifeline provides to the community. Continuing to provide hangar space at a reduced rental rate will help support the organization's continued presence at Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport, ensuring this vital medical transportation service remains readily available to residents throughout the region.

Board action: Comm. Benzie moved to approve the request to provide hangar space at a reduced rental rate of \$1.00 per year for an additional three-year term beginning in July 2027. The estimated value of the reduced rent is \$5,760 over the three-year term, and staff believes this investment is justified by the significant public benefit Northwoods Airlifeline provides to Marquette County and the surrounding communities. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (5-0)

11. LATE ADDITIONS

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Donovan Young**, stated that when attending meetings via Zoom, cannot hear those not speaking into their microphones.
- **Zeke McClure**, supported services for the unhoused and thanked the board for hearing all the public comments.
- **Kaitlyn Jensen**, expressed that there is disconnect in communication between the County Board and the MarqTran board, and supported finding grants in support of public transportation.
- **Margaret Brumm**, thanked the board for passing the resolution 10a.
- **Joseph Sherman**, continued explaining the difficulties navigating the MarqTran website.
- **Meg**, expressed the importance of public transportation and the board's attention to the subject is meaningful.

- **Eric Sibley**, via Zoom, thanked the board for passing the 10L agreement. Chairperson Derocha thanked all of the pilots who donate their time.
- **Joseph Giogianni**, supports the MarqTran services.

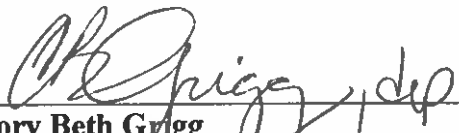
With no further public comment to come before the board, this portion of the meeting is closed.

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Comm. Alholm** asked if the County has received the budget request from the MarqTran Board.
- **Comm. LaLonde** thanked the staff for their hard work acquiring grants, thanked the MarqTran board member, Barb Owdziej for attending tonight's meeting, & also suggested a Mqt Co. Commissioner be a member of that board.
- **Comm. Benzie** supports Comm. LaLonde's suggestion of a Mqt Co. Commissioner be a member of the MarqTran board. Also reminded the public to vote in tomorrow's Primary Election.
- **Comm. Numinen** reflected on the public's comments regarding public transportation, agreed that the website needs significant upgrades, and that it is critical the millage on the ballot passes tomorrow.
- **Kami Fassbender, CFO**, thanked everyone who spoke at public comment.
- **Chairperson Derocha** thanked everyone in the room who advocate help for others. The Commissioners are listening to the concerns voiced regarding public transportation, and suggested Planning meet with the MarqTran board to assist in finding grants. In the end, the MarqTran board members are the ones who decide how the money received is spent and where it is applied.

14. CLOSED SESSION

- 15. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:54 p.m.


Cory Beth Grigg
Marquette County Deputy Clerk

Joseph Derocha, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners