

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2025

Remote Meeting using WebEx/phone and in person at County Board Room
Services Center
480 Underwood Ave., Montello, WI.

1. The Marquette County Property Committee meeting was called to order at 12:36 p.m. by Committee Chairperson Lance Achterberg.
Members present- Chairperson Lance Achterberg, Mary Walters, Dave Benson, Abby Swan (virtual), and Jeff Frazer (virtual)
Others present- Administrator Ron Barger, B&G Superintendent Paul Van Treeck, Conservationist Pat Kilbey, Treasurer Jody Myers, Atty Sean Griffin
2. Motion by Dave Benson and seconded by Mary Walters to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Mary Walters and seconded by Dave Benson to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Reports of Official Meetings Held in the Prior Month- None
5. Upcoming Events/Issues/Citizens Comments- None
6. Review of Vouchers- None
7. Treasurer Jody Myers presented information regarding the Hunter property. The county has not taken the property through the tax deed process and is approaching the 11th year. Conservationist Pat Kilbey reported his team has created a water mitigation plan as a temporary fix but warned there are no guarantees. Discussion regarding legality of water mitigation. Pat noted the Hunter property is eroding because of water draining from the property above. Corp Counsel Sean Griffin gave the committee the option of taking the property through the Tax Deed process or to assume the taxes. Treasurer Jody Myers reported the prior year's taxes were \$52. Sean reported a civil action could be taken against the property owner for the past 6 years, which would lead to a lot of attorney's fees. The fees the county would pay the attorney would be at a higher amount than could be recovered, and most likely the property owner would continue to default. Moved by Mary Walters and seconded by Dave Benson to take no action on the Hunter property. Motion carried.
8. B&G Superintendent Paul Van Treeck reported the Clerk of Courts cabinets are being custom built and will be installed by the end of the year. There will be no disruption to their service to the public. He reported the 911 Dispatch Center is under construction and set to be done by second week of December. The Sheriff has workstations to be installed third week in January. Baycom will then do their setup. Paul suggested a February tour when workstations are complete.
Paul reported that the Highway Committee has approved the sale of the Endeavor Highway Shop to be put on WI Surplus auction site. The approximate appraised value would be \$70,000. Highway Commissioner Trebiatowski has asked for it to be listed at \$50,000 on WI surplus auction. Moved by Dave Benson and seconded Abby Swan to put the Highway property on the WI Surplus auction site and to have a reserve limit of \$50,000. Motion carried.

Paul presented the proclamation for Operation Green Light, which is Nov. 4th- Nov. 11th, which is for Veterans to be seen and appreciated. Moved by Mary Walters and seconded by Dave Benson to approve the Operation Green Light proclamation resolution and for it to be forwarded to the County Board. Motion carried.

Paul noted highlighted projects for the month of October- Driveway entrance of HHS repaired and new cooler and freezer installed at Food Bank. Paul reported that large fans were installed at the Fairgrounds, which were supplied by the Animal Meat and Auction Committee. Installing new heating and venting rooftop unit on HHS building on Nov. 5th. Billing for the installation will not occur until 2026.

9. The agenda having been completed Committee Chairperson Lance Achterberg declared the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Kiley Lloyd, County Clerk