

MARQUETTE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE
January 6, 2026
County Board Room – Marquette County Service Center; In person and virtual

Members present: Dave Benson – Chair fill-in, John Bennett, Kathy Jo Locke, Dave Krentz, Judy Nigbor – Chair by virtual

Members absent: None

Others present: Jean Potter, Zach Hughes, Nicole Ziebell, Megan Stalker, Alex Schneider

Benson called the meeting to order at 11:00am and asked for approval of the agenda; motion to approve agenda by Bennett, second by Locke; motion carried 5-0.

Benson asked for approval of minutes from November 6, 2025, meeting; motion by Locke, second by Krentz; motion carried 5-0.

Citizens' comments or concerns: None.

Benson opened item 4: Department Reports & 2025 Year-End Review.

- a. *Register of Deeds* – Ziebell reported that all items that are reported on the spread sheet have increased the revenue from 2024 to 2025 by almost \$18,000. Laredo contract price increase went into effect as of Jan 1st.
- b. *Land Information Director* – Stalker Reported about the LIO counsel meeting was held and elaborated on the grant info that was discussed and about LiDAR being a part of the program now with a federal grant available. If grant isn't issued, we go back to the original plan of the grant. January 1st CSM review fees have been implemented. LID will have a revenue line in the budget for 2026. Section corners were received from Grothman and Schneider is working to put all of them in the database then work on getting those area maps remapped for accuracy. Schneider gave the committee a preview of the new imagery that was completed and showed the difference from 2020 vs 2025. This is not available to the public yet but hopefully by the end of 1st quarter it will be pushed out on our new website platform.
- c. *Planning & Zoning Administrator* – Potter reported the year-end revenue met and exceeded all revenue goals for 2025. UDC revenue was very high; the new 10% administrative fee for the department made \$8500 in only 6 months. Every category for building permits was more this year than in 2024. Septic permits for new conventional systems were doubled over 2024. TRH permitting remains steady. Collocation permits for existing cell towers increased by 12 over 2024 applications and one new tower was built. The department webpages are being updated with all the forms & applications. Comprehensive planning will be completed in 2026 with Land Information Department assisting with mapping requirements and both departments are meeting with potential consultants who will assist with completion. Yearly Farmland Preservation audit underway for submission to DATCP.
- d. *Zoning Technician* – Hughes reported the septic field audit with DSPS was concluded and the county received an "exceeded expectations" notation from the regional wastewater specialist. The department worked together to create a new sanitary inspection spreadsheet to make it more efficient to complete sanitary inspection reports. The vehicle was sold for \$11,625; many thanks to Captain Kowalski for his help with facilitating the sale. This money will be going toward a new lease vehicle. Business has started to pick up after the holidays. Pumping notices will be going out in March and will be post cards again.

Benson opened item 5: Review ROD, LID and PZD Vouchers. Bennett asked Potter about GEC voucher and committee has Potter keeping this contract on her radar that will end 12/31/2026.

Benson opened item 6: Any Other Business. Rezone application for February 5th, 2026, meeting.

Benson adjourned the meeting at 11:36 a.m. Respectfully submitted, Nicole Ziebell