MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WebEx Remote/Virtual and County Board Room of the Services Center
February 17, 2026

Pursuant to notice duly given in the manner established by the Board of Supervisors and in compliance with Sub-Chapter V of Chapter 19 of the Wisconsin Statutes, a lawfully held regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marquette, Wisconsin was called to order by Chairperson Borzick at 7:00 p.m. on February 17, 2026, at Montello, Wisconsin, at the time and place established by the Board of Supervisors or in accordance with law.

The Clerk called the roll and the following members answered roll call:
District No. 1 Abby Swan (virtual)
District No. 2 Dennis Fenner
District No. 3 David Krentz
District No. 4 John Bennett
District No. 5 Kathy Jo Locke
District No. 6 David Benson
District No. 7 Ken Borzick
District No. 8 Mike Raddatz (absent)
District No. 9 Gary Sorensen
District No. 10 Mary P. Walters
District No. 11 Lance Achterberg
District No. 12 Chuck Bornhoeft
District No. 13 Kathleen McGwin (virtual)
District No. 14 Jeff Frazer (virtual)
District No. 15 Peggy Krause (virtual)
District No. 16 Scott Kempley (absent)
District No. 17 Judi Nigbor (virtual)

A quorum of the Board of Supervisors was declared present and open meetings law compliance was established.

Also present were Administrator Ron Barger and Corporation Counsel Representative Atty. Sean Griffin (virtual).

A moment of silence was observed followed by the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion/second by Benson/Bennett to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion/second by Bornhoeft/Bennett to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

There were no citizen inquiries, introductions, or employee recommendations.

The chairperson of the respective standing committees gave committee reports. Planning & Zoning Committee Chairperson Nigbor reported that a consultant has been hired to complete the Comprehensive Plan, which is grant funded.

Motion/second by Sorensen/Bornhoeft to approve the consent agenda under agenda item #7 adopting Resolutions 2-2026 through 3-2026. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2-2026 ZONING AMENDMENT- TOWN OF NEWTON
(Introduced by Dave Benson AND Kathy Jo Locke)

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Supervisors has been petitioned to amend the Marquette County Zoning Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the petition has been referred to the Marquette County Planning and Zoning Committee for public hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Planning and Zoning Committee on due notice conducted a public hearing on the proposed amendment and filed their recommendation to the Board.

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment and recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Committee have been given due consideration by the Board in open session.

WHEREAS, the Board finds the following:

1. The land is better suited for the use not allowed in the Prime Agricultural District zoning classification.
2. The rezoning will not substantially impair or limit current or future use of adjacent lands.
3. The rezoning is consistent with the applicable town and County comprehensive plans, including the farmland preservation component of the County Comprehensive Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, the Marquette County Board of Supervisors do ordain as follows:

The Marquette County Code of Ordinances Chapter 62 – Comprehensive Zoning and the accompanying map are amended in the following respect:

Rezone 41 acres to AG-2, being described as the following: Beginning at the center of Section 29, T17N R9E, thence west 812 feet; thence 2200 north feet; thence east 812 feet; thence south 2200 feet to the point of beginning for tax parcels 018-00825-0000 and 018-00821-0000, Town of Newton, Marquette County, WI.

Resolution No. 3-2026 AMENDMENT TO MARQUETTE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES- CHAPTER 63 SHORELAND PROTECTION

(Introduced by Dave Benson AND Kathy Jo Locke)

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Planning and Zoning Committee and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Shoreland Management Program has determined it necessary to amend Marquette County Code of Ordinances Chapter 63-Shoreland Protection; and

WHEREAS, Marquette County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Shoreland Management Program have determined the revisions to the enacted Marquette Code of Ordinances Chapter 63-Shoreland Protection meet the minimum required standards and clarify the standards applied in Marquette County; and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Planning and Zoning Committee has held a duly noticed public hearing regarding said revisions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Supervisors do ordain as follows: The Marquette County Code of Ordinances Chapter 63-Shoreland Protection is hereby amended with the following revised language:

2.6 ZONING ~~DISTICTES~~ DISTRICTS AND MAPS

2.7(C)(3) Camping as regulated under ~~(INSERT SECTION)~~ *Chapter 62-comprehensive zoning and Chapter 64-floodplain protection.*

7.4 INCREASED SHORELAND SETBACK FOR A NEW PRINCIPAL STRUCTURE. (s.59.692(1n)(c), Stats) SECTION REMOVED

10.3(2) ~~It is not done within the vegetative buffer zone unless necessary for establishing or expanding the vegetative buffer or for the construction of an exempt structure under section 7.5.~~ REPLACED WITH: *It is not done within the vegetative buffer zone unless necessary forestablishing or expanding the vegetative buffer or for the construction of an exempt structure under section 7.5, all other land disturbing activities within 35' of the ordinary high-water mark are prohibited.*

10.3(7) ~~All land disturbing activities are prohibited within 35 feet of the ordinary highwater mark and/or wetland boundary.~~ REPLACED WITH: *All land disturbing activities are prohibited within 35 feet of a wetland boundary.*

10.3(9) ~~Agricultural practices are exempt from the requirements of this section.~~ REPLACED WITH: *Agricultural practices are exempt from the requirements of this section as defined in Chapter 62-Comprehensive Zoning, Section 8.0.2(B), except drainage tiling and ditching.*

11.9(1-2) and 11.10(1-3) REMOVED BOTH SECTIONS ENTIRELY, AS THERE ARE NO HIGHLY DEVELOPED SHORELINES IN COUNTY AS DEFINED IN NR 115.05(1)(e)2m AND s. 59.692(1k)(am)2, Stats.

Mitigation Requirements on Page. 42: edited "removal of regulated nonconforming structures" by removing 'violates'. REPLACED WITH: 2 *points per structure, which does not meet a water setback; 1 point per structure, which does not meet other code provisions.*

Separate consideration of Resolution 4-2026 per agenda item #8.

Resolution No. 4-2026 TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION

(Introduced by Dave Benson AND Lance Achterberg)

Upon roll call Resolution No. 4-2026 was adopted as follows: Ayes 15; Noes 0; Absent 2

WHEREAS, local units of government in Wisconsin own and maintain approximately 90% of the public road miles in the state, including county highways, town roads, and city and village streets; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's economy-rooted in agriculture, manufacturing, and tourism-relies on a safe, reliable, and well-maintained transportation network; and

WHEREAS, local governments greatly appreciate the one-time infusions of General Purpose Revenue, primarily sales and income taxes, and other revenue provided in recent state budgets, which have enabled the initiation and continuation of the successful and popular Local Roads Improvement Program Supplemental (LRIP-S) and Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP); and

WHEREAS, despite modest increases from the state over the years, transportation aids to local governments remain insufficient to keep pace with inflation and rising construction costs, leaving many communities funded below 2000 levels in real dollars; and

WHEREAS, local governments throughout Wisconsin continue to struggle to perform even routine maintenance, pavement preservation, and safety improvements, resulting in deteriorating roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural inventory and assessment of small bridges between 6 to 20 feet found about 10% of the nearly 17,000 structures to be in poor or severe condition; and

WHEREAS, levy limits and other fiscal constraints prevent local governments from independently filling the funding gap created by inadequate state transportation aids; and

WHEREAS, absent sustainable state funding, many communities have been forced to address their shortfalls by significantly increasing borrowing, deferring essential projects, or imposing local vehicle registration ("wheel") taxes; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin motorists currently pay among the lowest transportation user fees in the Midwest, while neighboring states and dozens of others nationwide have enacted long-term revenue measures to keep their transportation systems competitive; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is increasingly relying on General Purpose Revenues to make needed investments, potentially pitting transportation against other vital services, such as education; and

WHEREAS, continued lack of growing, dedicated, and predictable revenue places Wisconsin at a growing economic disadvantage by threatening the efficiency of freight movement, the safety of travelers, and the attractiveness of our state to businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, both Wisconsin's aging Interstate highway system-largely constructed in the 1950s and 1960s-and our extensive network of state and local roads require predictable, adequate, and sustainable funding to meet current and future needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Supervisors strongly urges the Governor of Wisconsin and the State Legislature to enact a comprehensive, sustainable transportation funding solution that:

1. Provides adequate and reliable revenue growth for the efficient long-term planning and execution of state and local transportation programs;
2. Includes responsible and prudent use of General Purpose Revenue and bonding;
3. Adjusts any new and existing transportation user fees and other revenue mechanisms to sustain purchasing power in order to maintain and improve Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure; and
4. Ensures transportation continues to deliver for Wisconsin by adequately funding reconstruction, preservation, and safety investments on the state and local systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor's office, all members of the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly representing districts within Marquette County, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Chairperson Borzick introduced the 2026 DNR Emergency Fire Warden List. Motion/second by Walters/Sorensen to approve the 2026 DNR Emergency Fire Warden list. Motion carried.

The fiscal and personnel reports, grant updates, and correspondence were reviewed as presented by Administrator Barger. Administrator Barger reported that the full County Board has been sent two budgetary options up for discussion at the upcoming Executive & Finance Committee meeting. One option is to adopt 2026 budget numbers for 2027; the other option being adopting a budget at a specified lower dollar amount to that of the 2026 budget. Discussion followed.

Corporation Counsel Representative Sean Griffin shared Corporation Counsel's report.

The meeting was declared adjourned subject to the call of the Chairperson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) SS
County of Marquette)

I, Kiley Lloyd, County Clerk in and for Marquette County, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisors of said County at their meeting held in-person and remotely by using WebEx by me as such officer.

Kiley Lloyd, County Clerk