

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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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

