

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WebEx Remote/Virtual and County Board Room of the Services Center
June 17, 2025

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 7:01 p.m. on June 17, 2025, at Montello, Wisconsin, at the time and place established by the Board of Supervisors or in accordance with law.

The Clerk electronically called the roll and the following members answered roll call:

District No. 1 Abby Swan (absent)
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
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
District No. 14 Jeff Frazer (absent)
District No. 15 Peggy Krause
District No. 16 Scott Kempley
District No. 17 Judi Nigbor

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

Also present were Administrator Ron Barger, Corporation Counsel Natalie Bussan, and several local Library Directors.

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

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

Motion/second by Locke/Sorensen to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2025 and May 29, 2025 meetings as printed. Supervisor Bennett noted a correction that was needed for a typo on the supervisor listed for the motion for approval of the consent agenda in the May 20, 2025 meeting minutes. The correction was made. Motion carried to approve the minutes as corrected. Supervisor Raddatz abstained due to his absence at the May County Board meetings.

Citizen comments related to the Winnefox Library System were held for agenda item #7 per the local Library Directors' request. There were no other inquiries or introductions under agenda item #5.

The chairperson of the respective standing committees gave committee reports.

Library Directors representing the Packwaukee, Westfield, Endeavor, Montello, and Neshkoro Libraries presented information to the board regarding local programs, outreach, resources, and 2024 circulation data. Discussion followed. Winnefox Library System Director Clairellyn Sommersmith reported she would attend the Executive & Finance Committee meeting closer to budget time in August or September with additional statistics and data.

Motion/second by Benson/Raddatz to approve the consent agenda under agenda item #8 adopting Resolutions 36-2025 through 38-2025. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 36-2025 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO GEFFREY GARDNER
(Introduced by Ken Borzick AND Judi Nigbor)

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Supervisors would like to thank Geffrey (Geff) Gardner for his 16 plus years of service beginning December 31, 2008 as a part-time jailer/dispatcher, later in February of 2009 moving to the role full time, on behalf of the people of Marquette County, with his effective retirement date of June 26, 2025, and

WHEREAS, his professional dedication, loyalty, and outstanding service to the people of Marquette County deserves special recognition,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt appreciation to Geff for his dedicated public service to the citizens of Marquette County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is permanently entered into the Record of the Proceedings of the Marquette County Board of Supervisors and that the County Clerk transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Geff Gardner as an expression of the Board's gratitude and best wishes.

Resolution No. 37-2025 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO NATALIE BUSSAN

(Introduced by Ken Borzick AND Judi Nigbor)

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Supervisors would like to thank Natalie Bussan for her nearly 12 years of service beginning August 1, 2013 as Marquette County's Corporation Counsel, with her effective retirement date of June 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, her professional dedication, loyalty, and outstanding service to the people of Marquette County deserves special recognition,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Supervisors expresses its heartfelt appreciation to Natalie for her dedicated public service to the citizens of Marquette County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is permanently entered into the Record of the Proceedings of the Marquette County Board of Supervisors and that the County Clerk transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Natalie Bussan as an expression of the Board's gratitude and best wishes.

Resolution No. 38-2025 ZONING AMENDMENT- TOWN OF HARRIS

(Introduced by Dave Krentz 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 a use not allowed in the AG-1 district.
2. The rezoning will not substantially impair or limit current or future agricultural use of the surrounding parcels of land that are zoned for or legally restricted to agricultural use.
3. The rezoning is consistent with the applicable Town and County comprehensive plans, including the farmland preservation plan 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 70 – Zoning and the accompanying map are amended in the following respect:

Rezone 22.97 acres, more or less, to AG-2 described as part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, Parcel D; all in Section 25, T16N R09E, Town of Harris, Marquette County, WI.

Separate consideration of a resolution per agenda item #9.

Attorneys Ben Letendre and Andrew Adams representing West & Dunn, Attorneys at Law, addressed the board regarding the services they are willing to provide Marquette County, noting that they would be keeping the same flat fee rate for the fiscal year of 2025 that the county holds with the current Corporation Counsel contract.

Resolution No. 39-2025 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR CORPORATION COUNSEL SERVICE

(Introduced by Ken Borzick AND Judi Nigbor)

Upon roll call Resolution No. 39-2025 was adopted as follows: Ayes 15; Noes 0; Absent 2

WHEREAS, pursuant to sec. 59.42(3), Wis. Stats., the Marquette County Board of Supervisors, desire to contract with the Attorneys at West & Dunn to serve as Corporation Counsel for the County; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has recommended said firm to be retained contingent upon the Administrator's final approval of the proposed contract,

NOW THEREFORE, the recommendation of the Administrator is duly accepted, and the firm of West & Dunn is hereby retained to be effective July 1, 2025;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the County.

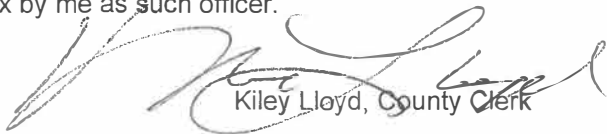
The fiscal and personnel reports, grant updates, and correspondence were reviewed as presented by Administrator Barger.

Corporation Counsel Natalie Bussan shared her May report. She noted this would be her last County Board meeting due to her upcoming retirement of June 30, 2025. Chairperson Borzick presented Natalie with her Certificate of Appreciation for her years of service.

Calendar planning was reviewed for the July 2025 meetings. Supervisor Fenner reported that UW Extension would be holding a public forum/listening session regarding future needs and programming through the UW Extension Office on July 9th 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. in the County Board Room of the Service Center. He encouraged all County Board Supervisors to attend and noted there would be no formal action taken at that date/time. The meeting was declared adjourned subject to the call of the Chairperson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 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