

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WebEx Remote/Virtual and County Board Room of the Services Center
September 16, 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 7:00 p.m. on September 16, 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 (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
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 (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. HS Director Mandy Stanley and Health Director Jayme Sopha were present virtually.

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

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

Motion/second by Benson/Walters to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2025 meeting as printed. Motion carried.

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

The chairperson of the respective standing committees gave committee reports. Land & Water Conservation Committee Chairperson Fenner reported there would be a Marquette County and UW Stevens Point Groundwater meeting on September 23rd at 6 p.m. in the County Board Room. Judicial & Public Safety Committee Chairperson Nigbor reported there have been several paramedic applicants for EMS since the increase in paramedic wages. HS Board Chairperson Walters reported HS has hired a Case Manager and that a Therapist has resigned. She noted Pig Fest was a success and wanted to acknowledge Lake Arrowhead Campground for their participation. Board of Health Chairperson Nigbor reported the community calendar has been up and running for 2 months, and also shared Dr. Howard will be presenting upcoming Q&A sessions regarding baby's health, with the upcoming session to be November 5th 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in the HHS building.

Attorney Andy Phillips presented an educational training through the Wisconsin Counties Association regarding Roles and Responsibilities of a County Board Supervisor.

Administrator Barger presented an updated Smoking, Vaping, and Tobacco Use Policy, noting the reasons for the update. Motion/second by Benson/Sorensen to approve and adopt the updated Smoking, Vaping, and Tobacco Use Policy. Motion carried.

Motion/second by Locke/Raddatz to approve the consent agenda under agenda item #9 adopting Resolution 50-2025 and confirming the appointment of approve the Ad-Hoc County Board Rules Committee as designated by the County Board Chairperson & Vice Chairperson, with the term to expire upon adoption of the updated rules. (per Resolution 28-2023). Motion carried. Upon passage, Chairperson Borzick announced the committee members would be the following supervisors: Benson, Fenner, Sorensen, Borzick, and Nigbor.

Resolution No. 50-2025 ZONING AMENDMENT- TOWN OF NEWTON

(Introduced by Dave Benson AND Dave Krentz)

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 allowed in the Residential 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 single family residential - rural 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:

For zoning purposes, a 1.29-acre parcel, being located in a part of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter to be rezoned from a General Agriculture (AG-2) district to a Residential (R-1) district, described as Lot One (1) of Certified Survey Map No. 1261, all in Section 28, T17N R09E, Town of Newton, Marquette County, WI.

Separate consideration of resolutions per agenda item #10.

Resolution No. 51-2025 AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 99- FEES- OF THE MARQUETTE COUNTY ORDINANCES

(Introduced by Dave Benson AND Mike Raddatz)

Upon roll call Resolution No.51-2025 was adopted as follows: Ayes 16; Noes 0; Absent 1

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 30-2022 for the purpose of establishing Chapter 99, a new central location for county regulated fees, and

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 57-2022, adopting Exhibit A setting forth the new Marquette County Fee Schedule and rescinding all previously adopted fee schedules, and

WHEREAS, the Health Department has been notified by distributors that the price of the flu vaccine has increased, therefore, the fee to administer the vaccine needs to adequately reflect the increase, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health and Executive & Finance Committee have recommended to the County Board of Supervisors that upon review the Health Department fees be updated to \$52 for the Standard Dose Flu Vaccine and \$112 for the High Dose Flu Vaccine, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Marquette County Board of Supervisors approves the Standard Dose Flu Vaccine fee to be set at \$52 and the High Dose Flu Vaccine fee to be set at \$112 with the adopted change to go into effect 2 weeks after publication.

Resolution No. 52-2025 AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 80- PUBLIC PROPERTY- OF THE MARQUETTE COUNTY ORDINANCES

(Introduced by Dave Benson AND Mary Walters)

Upon roll call Resolution No. 52-2025 was adopted as follows: Ayes 16; Noes 0; Absent 1

WHEREAS, it has been determined by Administration and the Marquette County Board of Supervisors that an updated Smoking, Vaping, and Tobacco Use Policy be adopted by Marquette County, and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Smoking, Vaping, and Tobacco Use Policy requires amendments be made to the Marquette County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 80, Public Property, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Marquette County Board of Supervisors that Sections 80.03(E) and 80.08(B) of Chapter 80, Public Property, of the Marquette County Code of Ordinances be amended with the following:

~~80.03(E): Smoking or other use of tobacco~~ Smoking, vaping (use of e-cigarettes or similar devices), or any other form of tobacco or nicotine

~~80.08(B): Smoking or other tobacco~~ Smoking, vaping (use of e-cigarettes or similar devices), or any other form of tobacco or nicotine use is permitted more than fifty (50) feet away from any building. No smoking is permitted in any bathroom, building or shelter.

Resolution No. 53-2025 RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT STATE INVESTMENT IN INCOME MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATION

(Introduced by Kathleen McGwin AND Mary Walters)

Upon roll call Resolution No. 53-2025 was adopted as follows: Ayes 15; Noes 1; Absent 1
(Noes: Krause)

WHEREAS, the federal budget reconciliation package enacted in July of 2025, makes changes to the SNAP (FoodShare) program that would reduce federal costs and significantly impact county administered services; and

WHEREAS, these changes extend SNAP work requirements to individuals up to age 64, lower the child age threshold for parent exemptions, and eliminate waivers for areas with high unemployment, thereby increasing referrals to the FoodShare Employment and Training (FSET) program and workload for county human service departments; and

WHEREAS, the legislation requires states to contribute a minimum of 5% toward the cost of SNAP benefits if their error rate is 6% or higher, facing penalty funding of between 5% and 15% of total SNAP costs; and;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's current SNAP payment error rate is 4.47%, but without additional investment in eligibility and administrative systems, heightened workloads could push the state above the 6% threshold, triggering significant penalties; and

WHEREAS, if Wisconsin's error rate reaches 6% on or after October 1, 2027, the state's 5% cost share would be approximately \$69 million annually, with potential penalty payments increasing the state's financial burden—costs that could ultimately cascade down to counties; and

WHEREAS, the SNAP administrative match rate for Income Maintenance (IM) activities has been reduced from the previous 50% federal / 50% state-local to 25% federal / 75% state-local, substantially reducing federal revenue available to counties to administer SNAP; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in administrative funds could lead to a reduction in IM staff, which could result in an increased payment error rate; and

WHEREAS, county IM administrative costs are approximately \$123 million annually, with SNAP-related workload accounting for about \$49 million of those costs; and

WHEREAS the new administrative match rate results in an estimated \$17 million annual loss in SNAP administrative funding to counties; and

WHEREAS, these federal cuts result from shifting the benefit and administrative costs to states and counties (reducing resources available for local administration), tightening work requirements (increasing county workload), and penalizing minor payment errors (resulting in more cost to the states); and

WHEREAS, counties operate under state-imposed property tax levy limits, restricting their ability to offset such funding losses without additional state or federal relief;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Supervisors urges the State of Wisconsin to provide funding to offset the county fiscal impact caused by the enacted federal SNAP changes, and to work with counties to ensure adequate resources for the administration of FoodShare and related programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Marquette County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Wisconsin State Legislators with a constituency within Marquette County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the Wisconsin County Human Service Association.

Resolution No. 54-2025 RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE AD-HOC TOURISM COMMITTEE
(Introduced by Mike Raddatz AND Dennis Fenner)

Upon roll call Resolution No. 54-2025 was adopted as follows: Ayes 15; Noes 1; Absent 1
(Noes: Krause)

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Supervisors enacted the Ad-Hoc Tourism Committee's adoption through Resolution 33-2024, to promote revenue and increase efficacy of Marquette County tourism goals, and

WHEREAS, Resolution 33-3024 resolved that the Ad-Hoc Tourism Committee would be comprised of three County Board Supervisors, as well as volunteer community members and other applicable volunteers, with a budget not to exceed \$2,700 plus mileage, with a time duration of one year, beginning October 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Executive & Finance Committee has recommended it is in the best interest of the community for the Ad-Hoc Tourism Committee deadline to be extended due to a large grant award for local businesses and other important tourism promotion and collaboration efforts currently being worked on, and

WHEREAS, the fiscal impact of the Ad-Hoc Tourism Committee up this point has been \$675 in per diems, plus \$54.20 in mileage, leaving allocated funds to continue the committee with no additional fiscal impact, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ad-Hoc Tourism Committee time duration be extended to dissolve upon the end of the current County Board Supervisor membership term, which ends the third Tuesday in April of 2026.

Resolution No. 55-2025 RESOLUTION TO RATIFY LABOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARQUETTE COUNTY AND THE MARQUETTE COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION, WPPA/LEER
(Introduced by Mike Raddatz AND Mary Walters)

Upon roll call Resolution No. 55-2025 was adopted as follows: Ayes 16; Noes 0; Absent 1

* Exhibit A is available upon request and can be found in the County Clerk's Office and Marquette County Sheriff's Office*

WHEREAS, Marquette County and the Marquette County Deputy Sheriff's Association, WPPA/LEER have negotiated a *three-year* collective bargaining agreement for the duration of 2026-2028, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following contract modifications are agreed to with a detailed version being provided as Exhibit A:

- Amend arbitrator procedure by amending language to read the WERC will prepare a list of 3 staff arbitrators, the Association shall strike one, and the county shall strike one, with the remaining staff arbitrator being notified of his/her appointment by the WERC. (used to be 5 staff arbitrators, with Association and county both striking 2)
- Salary schedule modified to hourly rates with increases as follows – 1/1/2026- 5%, 7/1/2026- 5%, 1/1/2027- 2.5%, 7/1/2027- 2.5%, 1/1/2028- 2.5%, 7/1/2028- 2.5%
- Amend compensatory time may be accumulated up to 60 hrs. per year. (was 36 hrs. per year)
- Amend uniform allowance of \$600/yr. (was \$500)
- Amend language to reflect current on-call status pay of \$2.00/hr.
- Addition of Patrol and Court Services Division on-call requirement of one weekend every 6 months during non-office hours of 4 p.m. Friday – 6:00 p.m. Sunday.
- Addition of Field Training Officers (FTO) will receive 1.5 hours of compensatory time for each full shift (12 hrs.) that the FTO completes and ¾ hour of compensatory time for every half shift of training completed.
- Amend holiday schedule for all regular Sheriff's Office employees and all probationary employees who are hired for the purpose of becoming full-time employees to receive 13.5 paid holidays after 3 months of completed employment. (was 11 holidays)
- Amend the Detectives and Patrol night shift differential hours to be 6:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. (was 7 p.m. - 7 a.m.)
- Amend Longevity Pay Schedule- Years 7-15: 1% added to employees' hourly rate above the negotiated rate for all represented staff as agreed upon at that time. Rate is not stackable year to year but will remain 1% above the negotiated rate in effect at that time. Years 15+: An additional 1% will be added to the employees' hourly rate above the negotiated rate for represented staff as agreed upon at that time.
- Duration dates to reflect a 2026-2028 Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the referenced contract for 2026-2028 is hereby considered ratified and the County Administrator is authorized to sign the contract on behalf of Marquette County.

The fiscal and personnel reports, grant updates, and correspondence were reviewed as presented by Administrator Barger. Administrator Barger reported the EMS budget and Executive & Finance budget are the only remaining budgets that need to be passed by their home committee.

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

Calendar planning was reviewed for the October 2025 meetings. A WCA reminder was noted for Wisconsin Dells of September 21-23. The newly appointed Ad-Hoc Committee determined their initial meeting would be October 2nd at 10:30 a.m. in the Public Safety Room of the Courthouse/Law Enforcement Center. Additional reminders included noting the October 21st County Board meeting will include Allyson Brunette presenting Strategic Planning results/information. The November County Board Budget public hearing will be November 12th at 6:30 p.m., with the traditional budget meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was declared adjourned subject to the call of the Chairperson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 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