

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
WebEx Remote/Virtual and County Board Room of the Services Center  
May 19, 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 Bornhoeft at 7:00 p.m. on May 19, 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 (absent)  
District No. 2 Dennis Fenner  
District No. 3 Kris Bergh  
District No. 4 John Bennett  
District No. 5 Kari Olstadt  
District No. 6 Dave Kappel  
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 Eli Schmudlach  
District No. 14 John Larkin  
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 Representative Atty. Sean Griffin, and several Marquette County Department Heads.

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

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

Motion/second by Raddatz/Bennett to approve the minutes of the April 21, 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.

The following departments/offices and Department Heads presented their 2025 Annual Reports:

UW Extension- Pat Wagner, Planning & Zoning- Jean Potter, Clerk of Court- Shari Rudolph, District Attorney- Cliff Burdon, Sheriff's Office- Sheriff Joe Konrath, Emergency Management- Lt. Aaron Williams, Buildings & Grounds- Paul Van Treeck, Health- Jayme Sopha.

Motion/second by Bennett/Sorensen to place the presented annual reports on file. Motion carried.

Motion/second by Raddatz/Sorensen to approve resolution 14-2026 and to confirm the appointments of County Board representatives and committee appointments with the term to follow the current term of the County Board unless otherwise noted- CCS/CST- Ken Borzick (Board Rep/HS Chairperson), Brian Hanlon, Teri Mandel, Trevor Bushke, Melissa Reed, Trina Seger; Transportation Coordinating Committee- Ken Borzick (Board Rep/HS Chairperson), Tim Jozwiak, Nancy Charles, Laird Dickson, Cheri Gibeaut, Margaret Fladvid; CAP Services- Gary Sorensen and Kari Olstadt (Board Reps), Mary Walters and Damaris Thome (Citizen Reps); ADRC- Barb Jordan- term to expire 5/2029; Human Services Board- Scott Kempley (Board Rep)- term to expire 5/2029, Kari Olstadt (Board Rep)- term to expire 5/2029; Land & Water Conservation Committee Agriculture Representative- John Bennett; Golden Sands Representative- Ken Borzick; UW Ext. Representative to Fair Board- John Bennett; Parks & Rural Planning- Karen Wampler- term to expire 07/2028; Veterans Service Commission- Al Gibeaut- term to expire 6/2029; Traffic Safety Commission- Mike Raddatz (Board Rep/Hwy Chair); Visitor's Bureau- Kari Olstadt (Board Rep); M-W Loan Fund- Chuck Bornhoeft and Ken Borzick; Land Information Council: Land Information Department Director/Real Property Lister (Council Chair)-Megan Stalker, County Treasurer-Jody Myers, Register of Deeds-Nicole Ziebell, Emergency Management Director- Lt. Aaron Williams, Land and Water Conservationist- Pat Kilbey, Zoning Administrator-Jean Potter, Surveyor- Jerry Smart, County Board Representative/P&Z Chairperson- Gary Sorensen, Real Estate Representative- John Mevis; LEPC- Mary Walters, Gary Sorensen, Aaron Williams, Chuck Bornhoeft, Lance Achterberg, Joe Konrath, Jarrad Jungenberg, Jayme Sopha, Mike Kohnke, Jason Stauffacher, Jon Vote, Steve Klump, Brian Trebiatowski, Brett Klawitter, Mandy Stanley, Ron Barger, Rob Lulling, Pam Finger, Brandon Frederick, Burlie Williams, Brad Pecora, Mike Kowalski, Reid Barnhart  
Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 14-2026 ZONING AMENDMENT- TOWN OF BUFFALO**

(Introduced by John Bennett AND Dennis Fenner)

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 General Agriculture 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 Rural Land 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 a minimum of 10.0 acres to Ag-3(5) and 37.04 acres to AO, totaling 47.04 acres, described as Lot 1 of CSM 3908, all in Section 33, T14N R10E, Town of Buffalo, Marquette County, WI.

Consideration of separate resolutions per agenda item #10.

After Resolution 15-2026 was introduced, there was a motion/second by Nigbor/Larkin to amend Resolution 15-2026 to remove 2026 date specific information and instead note it would be recognized the 7 days preceding Father's Day, so that the time frame may be recognized annually without re-adoption. Motion carried. Supervisor Krause also noted a typo in the second to last paragraph which was corrected. Health Director Jayme Sopha addressed the board noting the adoption of the resolution may help them to apply for grant funds.

**Resolution No. 15-2026 RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT MEN'S HEALTH WEEK**

(Introduced by Gary Sorensen AND Judi Nigbor)

Upon roll call Resolution No. 15-2026 was adopted as follows: Ayes 16; Noes 0; Absent 1

WHEREAS, Men's Health Month is part of an ongoing international effort to educate men, boys, and their families about the importance of preventative health screenings, early detection, and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Nationwide men have a life expectancy that is approximately six years shorter than that of women.

WHEREAS, Men's Health Month provides an opportunity to recognize the mental and physical health needs of men and boys, while encouraging fathers and caregivers to serve as positive role models through preventative care, healthy living and help-seeking behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the growing epidemic of "Deaths of Despair," including deaths related to suicide, substance use disorders, alcohol misuse, and homelessness, underscores the urgent need to raise awareness of unrecognized and undiagnosed depression, mental stress and emotional distress among boys and men; and

WHEREAS, the centerpiece of Men's Health Month is National Men's Health Week, a special awareness period passed by Congress and signed into law on May 31, 1994, and observed annually through the efforts of Men's Health Network to build health empathy, recognition, and understanding of the unique health needs facing men and boys.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Marquette County Board of Health hereby proclaims ~~June 15-21,~~ 2026 the 7 days preceding Father's Day as Men's Health Week in Marquette County, WI.

**Resolution No. 16-2026 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS TO CLOSE THE 2025 BOOKS OF ACCOUNT**

(Introduced by Chuck Bornhoeft AND Lance Achterberg)

Upon roll call Resolution No. 16-2026 was adopted as follows: Ayes 16; Noes 0; Absent 1

WHEREAS, The Executive & Finance Committee has reviewed the post-audit year-end report of expenses and revenues for 2025, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 65.90 (5)(a) of the Wisconsin State Statutes transfers from the General Fund require County Board authorization, and

WHEREAS, several expenditure accounts have exhausted their 2025 budget appropriations and need funds transferred from the General Fund and it is understood many of these same departments and other departments had excess revenue or were under their expenditure budgets to more than offset these expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board approves the transfer of funds from the General Fund Reserve as follows:

Judicial- \$11,541.89  
Medical Examiner- \$10,107.78  
Net Proceeds from Tax Deed Sales- \$29,709.00  
Communication Tower Leases- \$6,128.29  
Treasurer- \$2,227.16  
Register of Deeds - \$1,700.05  
Land Information- \$2,418.68  
EMS- \$187,072.39  
Health Department- \$106,111.37  
Veterans Graves- \$2,169.34  
Animal Control- \$4,570.59

Continuing Appropriations

Common Use Equipment Outlay- \$639.16

Human Services Fund

Human Services Fund- (CS Placements) \$141,142.37

Debt Service Fund

Bond Issuance Costs- \$82,461.28

General Fund Transfers Total \$587,999.35

Chairperson Bornhoeft called for a 5-minute recess at 8:42 p.m. The meeting was called back to order at 8:48 p.m.

Atty. Sean Griffin presented a PowerPoint on Wisconsin Levy Limits. Discussion followed.

Chairperson Bornhoeft addressed the Board regarding the topic of Administrator Evaluation. He noted they have access to a folder which includes a Corporation Counsel created Evaluation Tool, Corporation Counsel created Job Description, current Administrator contract, Administrator Ordinance, and a Draft Evaluation including several objectives. Very lengthy discussion followed with input on deadlines and duties of the Board. Chairperson Bornhoeft requested the Board give feedback on the Corporation Counsel created documents (Evaluation Tool and Job Description), as well as input for the Administrator Evaluation. After much discussion, it was decided that rather than work immediately on the Corporation Counsel created documents, the imminent goal is to address the Administrator Evaluation. In order to complete the Administrator Evaluation in a timelier manner, the Board will utilize the previously used Evaluation Tool, which can include additional narrative when necessary. Motion/second by Lance Achterberg/Mike Raddatz to accept input from the County Board regarding the Administrator's Evaluation utilizing the previously used form and job description by June 10<sup>th</sup> for the Executive & Finance Committee meeting. From there, the Executive & Finance Committee will forward a rough draft of the Evaluation to the County Board. Motion carried. Requested input will be sent to County Clerk Kiley Lloyd, with the input focus being on strengths, weaknesses, and objectives.

The fiscal and personnel reports, grant updates, and correspondence were reviewed as presented by Administrator Barger. Administrator Barger noted that Vice-Chairperson Achterberg attended the recent Budget Team meeting. There will be additional Budget Team meetings in the upcoming months in which each department gets to detail their budget with the team. Administrator Barger reported he will be on vacation the first week of June. Vice-Chairperson Achterberg addressed the Board and gave further details regarding the Budget Team meeting. He also discussed the Executive & Finance Committee meeting held earlier in the day, noting that Accountant Stacy Kohn shared a budget detail outlining the over/under expense/revenue for departments. The sheet showed that revenues outweigh the amount needed from the General Fund in Resolution 16-2026.

Corporation Counsel Representative Atty. Sean Griffin shared Corporation Counsel's report. Sean noted there is a trial set for June 16<sup>th</sup> regarding a Zoning matter.

Calendar planning was discussed for June 2026. A second round of Annual Reports will be May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was declared adjourned subject to the call of the Chairperson. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kiley Lloyd', written in a cursive style.

Kiley Lloyd, County Clerk

