

MARQUETTE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE
October 2, 2025
Public Safety Room – Marquette County Courthouse; In person and virtual

Members present: Judi Nigbor-Chair; Dave Benson, John Bennett, Kathy Jo Locke, Dave Krentz

Members absent: None

Others present: Jean Potter, Ron Barger, Zach Hughes, Nicole Ziebell, Megan Stalker, Attorney Sean Griffen, Virtual: Attorney Kathryn Narin

Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00am and asked for approval of the agenda; motion by Benson, second by Bennett; motion carried.

Chair asked for approval of minutes from September 4, 2025, meeting; motion by Locke, second by Krentz; motion carried.

Citizens' comments or concerns: None.

Chair opened item 4: A public hearing on proposed revisions to the Marquette County Code of Ordinances Chapter 70-Zoning. This revision will include rescinding Chapter 70 and reorganizing it into new chapters. The proposed chapters are Chapter 61 - Zoning Administration, Chapter 62 - Comprehensive Zoning, Chapter 63 - Shoreland Protection, Chapter 64 - Floodplain Protection, and Chapter 65 - Mobile Service Support Structures and Wireless Communication Facilities. Potter and Attorney Griffen discussed and pointed out the biggest changes per chapter including formatting and grammar corrections. Chapter 61 Administrative Review Permits renamed to Conditional Use Permits, Chapter 62 updates referenced prior meeting's edits and the new language included for Section 4.0(M) Salvage and Junk Material and inoperable motor vehicles. Chapter 63 language updated to include county specific language as found in ordinance Chapter 70 shoreland article, Chapter 64 floodplain chapter language updated to state model ordinance language, and Chapter 65 added in the county specific language and noted that the siting application requirements will be reviewed in the future to assure compliance with State regulations.

Motion to approve the Marquette County Code of Ordinance Chapter 61 - Zoning Administration with minor modifications and move onto County Board by Benson; Second by Bennett; discussion; motion carried 5-0.

Motion to approve the Marquette County Code of Ordinance Chapter 62 – Comprehensive Zoning with minor modifications and move onto County Board by Benson; Second by Locke; discussion; motion carried 5-0.

Motion to approve the Marquette County Code of Ordinance Chapter 63 – Shoreland Protection as is and move onto County Board by Bennett; Second by Krentz; discussion; motion carried 5-0.

Motion to approve the Marquette County Code of Ordinance Chapter 64 – Floodplain Protection as is and move onto County Board by Bennett; Second by Benson; discussion; motion carried 5-0.

Motion to approve the Marquette County Code of Ordinance Chapter 65 – Mobile Service Support Structures and Wireless Communication Facilities as is and move onto County Board by Benson; Second by Locke; discussion; motion carried 5-0.

Chair opened item 7: Department Reports.

- a. *Register of Deeds* – Ziebell discussed with board with how they liked the changes to the reports to help them better understand what is happening in the ROD office. They liked it and will continue sending the spreadsheet along with the accounts report monthly.
- b. *Land Information Director* – Stalker reported the new aerial photos are in and the only ones using them currently is in-house people. Able to pick up some of the projects that have been on the back burner for a while. Things are moving in the right direction.
- c. *Planning & Zoning Administrator* – Potter reported year-to-date revenue percentage is looking good and is over 100% budgeted for UDC and Sanitary. UDC 10% increase is going well and the total was over \$1200.00 for UDC in September. TRH room tax is difficult to collect through Airbnb with Town of Montello reporting no payments from AirBnB for 2025. Attorney Griffin is going to work with Jean to help with this. End of October should be when the department could start using a vehicle from Sheriff's office and be able to turn in the Traverse into the fleet program.
- d. *Zoning Technician* – Hughes reported he did 23 septic inspections and 3 zoning onsite inspections with landowners in September. Completed and approved 12 Sanitary permits. Attended soils test training. Emrick Campground has completed around 317 more campground sites that are getting deck and shed permits and more to come. He also stated the call volume was high with Kari logging the most received calls.

Chair opened item 8: Review ROD, LID and PZD Vouchers. No comments.

Chair opened item 9: Any Other Business. November 6th meeting will take place at the County Board room at 9am and December 4th meeting will take place at the County Board room at 11am with the Public Safety room being out of commission until around February 2026.

Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nicole Ziebell