

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2025

Remote Meeting using WebEx/phone and in person at Public Safety Room
Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse
67 W. Park St., Montello, WI.

1. The Marquette County Property Committee meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. by Committee Chairperson Lance Achterberg.
Members present- Chairperson Lance Achterberg, Mary Walters, and Dave Benson
Others present- Administrator Ron Barger, B&G Superintendent Paul Van Treeck, and Sheriff Joe Konrath
2. Motion by Dave Benson and seconded by Mary Walters to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Mary Walters and seconded by Dave Benson to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.
4. Reports of Official Meetings Held in the Prior Month- None
5. Upcoming Events/Issues/Citizens Comments- None
6. Review of Vouchers- None
7. B&G Superintendent Paul Van Treeck presented the proposed 2026 Buildings & Grounds budget. Paul reported significant garbage pickup cost savings of \$5,000 annually by changing companies. Paul noted he did not replace the custodian position for 2026, which also saved in personnel. Moved by Dave Benson and seconded by Mary Walters to approve the proposed 2026 B&G budget and to forward to the Executive & Finance Committee. Motion carried.

B&G Superintendent Paul Van Treeck presented the proposed 2026 Property budget. Paul noted the Treasurer handles the Tax Deed information for the Property budget. The radio tower project contract increases \$23,000 annually. He also noted that in 2026 all battery backups are set to be replaced. Life cycle for batteries is approx. 3 years. Moved by Mary Walters and seconded by Dave Benson to approve the proposed 2026 Property budget and to forward to the Executive & Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Paul gave monthly report, noting John Muir landing pad was installed and worked with Master Gardner Association, Land & Water, and Golden Sands to eradicate invasive species behind Services Center on walking trail. Paul reported Grothman did not put forth any congressionally directed spending but wants to work on alternative spending opportunities, such as FEMA, USDA, and other state opportunities. Sheriff's Office elevator modernization to start in early December, which will mean elevator will be shut down for 2 weeks. ADA accessibility discussion followed. Paul reported in the month of December there will be no meetings held in the Public Safety Room so that courthouse services can be completed there for accessibility as those needs arise. 911 dispatch construction to begin in Oct./Nov. Project agreed upon end date will be no later than Jan. 31st. Work Order summary slightly ahead of last year. Will work on Clerk of Court office remodel in late Oct.

8. Administrator Barger reported a policy change and ordinance change to Chapter 80 Public Property that is needed due to a complaint to the DOC regarding vaping. Our current smoking policy and county ordinance does not include vaping. Ron shared the changes that would be made to 80.03(E) and 80.08(B) and updated the policy to include 'Smoking, Vaping, and Tobacco Use'. Moved by Mary Walters and seconded by Dave Benson to approve the new Smoking, Vaping, and Tobacco Use Policy and the changes to ordinances 80.03(E) and 80.08(B) and to forward to Executive & Finance Committee. Motion carried.
9. The agenda having been completed Committee Chairperson Lance Achterberg declared the meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

Kiley Lloyd, County Clerk