

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WebEx Remote/Virtual and County Board Room of the Services Center
June 16, 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 7:02 p.m. on June 16, 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 (virtual)
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 (virtual)
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 and Corporation Counsel Representative Atty. Sean Griffin.

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

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

Motion/second by Bennett/Raddatz to approve the minutes of the May 19th and May 26th, 2026 meetings as printed. Motion carried.

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

The chairperson of the respective standing committees gave committee reports. Supervisor Bennett reported they are still in need of additional fair volunteers. Highway Committee Chairperson Raddatz reported permitting changes that the Highway Committee approved earlier that day, which will come for board approval in July.

Motion/second by Walters/Bennett to approve Resolutions 17-2026 through 19-2026 and to approve the following appointments: Human Services Board- Dave Kappel to fill the remainder of Chuck Bornhoeft's term (Board Rep)- term to expire 5/2028 and Lynn Schwochert (Citizen Rep)- term to expire 05/2029; Board of Adjustment- David Benson (Citizen Rep) and Heidi Robinson (2nd Alternate)- both terms to expire 06/2029. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 17-2026 ZONING AMENDMENT- TOWN OF NEWTON
(Introduced by Gary Sorensen 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 Prime Agricultural 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 farmland preservation 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 5 acres to AG-3(5) and 42.50 acres to FPO, totaling 47.50 acres, for tax parcels 018-00614-0000 and 018-00463-0000, described as being part of the S1/2 of the SE1/4-SE1/4 in Sec. 15, T17N R09E and part of the NE1/4-NE1/4 in Sec. 22, T17N R09E, Town of Newton, Marquette County, WI.

Resolution No. 18-2026 ZONING AMENDMENT- TOWN OF BUFFALO

(Introduced by Gary Sorensen AND Dennis Fenner)

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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 Prime Agricultural 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 farmland preservation 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 5 acres to AG-3(5) and 90.65 acres to FPO, totaling 95.65 acres described as part of the NW1/4-SE1/4 and part of the SW1/4-SE1/4, for tax parcels 002-00637-0010 and 002-00637-0005, all in Section 18, T14N R10E, Town of Buffalo, Marquette County, WI.

Resolution No. 19-2026 A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE STATE FUNDING FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

(Introduced by Kari Olstadt AND Dave Kappel)

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin, local health departments (LHDs) are legally required to provide a core set of public health services under Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 251 and Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter DHS 140; and

WHEREAS, responsibilities of LHDs have expanded significantly in recent years due to emerging public health threats, workforce shortages, and increasing community health needs; and

WHEREAS, local health departments rely heavily on a combination of limited state aids, categorical grants, and local property tax levy to fund these mandated services; and

WHEREAS, current state funding mechanisms for public health are largely outdated, not indexed to inflation, and do not reflect the true cost of delivering foundational public health services; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin currently ranks 49th lowest in state dollars dedicated to public health per person (https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/measures/PH_funding); and

WHEREAS, Public health initiatives consistently deliver high returns on investment (ROI), with recent data showing a median ROI of 14.3 to 1, often saving \$14 in medical and societal costs for every \$1 spent (<https://www.pew.org/en/research-and-analysis/articles/2025/07/08/public-health-initiatives-deliver-big-returns-on-investment>); and

WHEREAS, reliance on short-term, restricted, or competitive grant funding creates instability and limits long-term planning; and

WHEREAS, counties bear a disproportionate share of the financial burden for providing foundational public health services, placing additional pressure on local property taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, a strong and adequately funded public health system is essential to protect the health, safety, and economic stability of Wisconsin residents and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Supervisors supports continuing to build and retain public health infrastructure through increased and flexible funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such a funding model should:

- Provide increased General Purpose Revenue (GPR) support for local health departments
- Include automatic inflationary adjustments
- Allow for flexible use of funds to meet local needs
- Reduce reliance on short-term, restricted, and/or competitive grants

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Wisconsin recognizes public health as a core governmental function and prioritizes sustained investment to ensure consistent service delivery across all jurisdictions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Marquette County requests that the Wisconsin Counties Association advocates for policies that reduce the reliance on local property tax levy to fund foundational public health services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of Wisconsin, members of the Wisconsin State Legislature, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and all Wisconsin counties.

Consideration of separate resolutions per agenda item #8.

Resolution No. 20-2026 AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 50- PUBLIC PEACE AND ORDER AND COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL ALARM

(Introduced by Peggy Krause AND Mary Walters)

Upon roll call Resolution No. 20-2026 was adopted as follows: Ayes 17; Noes 0; Absent 0

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances of Marquette County, Wisconsin, regulating Public Peace and Order, specifically regarding Curfew Hours for Minors, based on the recommendation of the District Attorney:

The County Board of Marquette County, Wisconsin, ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 50, Section 50.12 of the Code of Ordinances of Marquette County, Wisconsin, is hereby amended as follows:

50.12 Curfew Hours for Minors.

(Subsections A through E remain unchanged)

F. Minor. A person who has not attained the age of **seventeen (17)** years.

(Subsections G through L remain unchanged)

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Resolution No. 21-2026 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF THE ECONOMIC SUPPORT QUALITY ASSURANCE SPECIALIST POSITION

(Introduced by Ken Borzick AND Chuck Bornhoeft)

Upon roll call Resolution No. 21-2026 was adopted as follows: Ayes 17; Noes 0; Absent 0

WHEREAS, Marquette County must ensure compliance with Federal and State regulations related to public assistance programs, including FoodShare, Medical Assistance, BadgerCare Plus, and Child Care; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin now requires Income Maintenance (IM) Consortia to establish dedicated quality assurance positions in response to new federal legislation mandating increased monitoring of payment accuracy and imposing potential financial penalties on States for elevated error rates; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Support Quality Assurance Specialist will conduct pre-certification quality assurance reviews, identify discrepancies, support corrective action, deliver staff training, and uphold Federal, State, and County policies; and

WHEREAS, this position will support program integrity, enhance accuracy of benefit determinations, and promote consistent, high-quality service to Marquette County residents and residents of all East Central Income Maintenance Consortia counties; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Board and the County Administrator have reviewed the hiring analysis and support the creation of this new position; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for the position for the remainder of 2026 is \$42,605; the estimated cost of the position in 2027 is \$96,269; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the position will be reimbursable through the Department of Health Services State Aid contract and will not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the creation of one full-time Economic Support Quality Assurance Specialist position within the Human Services Department.

Administrator Barger and IT Director presented a Work from Home Policy and Signature Form. Motion/Second by Fenner/Bergh to approve and adopt the Work from Home Policy and Signature Form. Motion carried.

Administrator Barger and IT Director presented an AI Policy. Motion/Second by Sorensen/Raddatz to approve and adopt the AI Policy. Motion carried.

Motion/Second by Borzick/Krause to move into closed session regarding the Administrator Evaluation under state statute 19.85 (1)(c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility". Closed session began at 7:19 p.m.

Motion/second by Borzick/Raddatz to convene in open session under section 19.85 (2) if a vote is needed on items discussed in closed session. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 8:17 p.m.

Administrator Barger went over the survey initiatives of the Strategic Plan, noting that the full publication of the plan includes survey examples. He asked the board to review the samples and give any additional input they may have. He will take survey options to the Executive & Finance Committee and ultimately present the survey to the County Board for review.

The fiscal and personnel reports, grant updates, and correspondence were reviewed as presented by Administrator Barger. Administrator Barger reported that the Budget Team directed him to move forward with the jail/dispatch split hiring process due to the funding for two of the positions already being in the 2026 budget through shared revenue funds. The jail/dispatch split resolution was passed March 18, 2025 (Resolution 22-2025).

Corporation Counsel Representative Atty. Sean Griffin shared Corporation Counsel's report. He noted that there had been a court trial for a forfeiture earlier in the day, with the county being issued a judgement of \$452.50. Other Corporation Counsel projects were briefly discussed.

Calendar planning was discussed for July 2026. The meeting was declared adjourned subject to the call of the Chairperson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
County of Marquette) SS

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