

Executive and Finance

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2026

Virtual and in-person at Public Safety Room-Law Enforcement Center/Courthouse—77 W Park St., Montello, WI 53949

Members present: Chuck Bornhoeft-Chairperson, Lance Achterberg, Judi Nigbor (virtual), John Bennett, Mike Raddatz, Ken Borzick, Gary Sorensen, and John Larkin

Others present: Administrator Ron Barger, Corp Counsel Ben Letendre, Scott Kempsey, Dennis Fenner (virtual), Stacy Kohn, Melanie Zuehls (virtual), HS Director Mandy Stanley (virtual), EMS Director Rob Lulling (virtual), Health Director Jayme Sopha (virtual)

1. Chairperson Chuck Bornhoeft called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
2. Moved by Ken Borzick and seconded by Mike Raddatz to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Mike Raddatz to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2026 meeting.
4. Citizen Concerns and Comments- None
5. Report of Committee Members/Officials- None
6. Upcoming Events/Issues-Chairperson Bornhoeft noted the county fair begins next week.
7. Vouchers were reviewed.
8. Atty. Ben Letendre shared the June Corporation Counsel report. Supervisor Nigbor requested the report be uploaded to SharePoint earlier. Atty. Letendre reported it would be available 48 hours in advance of the meeting.
9. County Treasurer Jody Myers shared her monthly report, noting the sales tax for May was \$118,915.75.
10. Tourism and Social Media Coordinator Brett Klawitter shared he will be attending the upcoming fair. He reported that the WEDC grant is currently in the third phase. Businesses are struggling with how to utilize the grant money.
11. County Clerk Kiley Lloyd shared proposed amendments to the Marquette County Code of Ordinances- Chapter 1, along with a fee schedule for posting. This amendment would reflect fees for open records requests. Moved by Ken Borzick and seconded by Judi Nigbor to approve the Amended version of Chapter 1 and to forward to County Board. Motion carried.
12. County Clerk Kiley Lloyd presented information regarding passport photo fees and marriage license fees. She presented fee amounts for the same items within her district noting which counties have planned 2027 fee increases. Moved by Ken Borzick and seconded by John Bennett to approve the fees of \$20 for a passport photo (\$5 increase) and \$100 for marriage license (\$15 increase) for 2027 and to forward to County Board in the fall with other departmental fee increases. Motion carried.
13. County Clerk Kiley Lloyd shared a Partisan Primary election update noting there will be a narrative in the Marquette County Tribune and posted on the county website detailing voting procedure for a Partisan Primary. Voters are directed to contact the County Clerk's office with election/voting questions.
14. Administrator Barger gave several administration updates. It was noted Winnefox will present at the July County Board meeting. He reported Waushara County has approached Marquette County regarding a possible EMS consolidation. He is waiting to hear what Waushara County's board decides. The Waushara County Administrator would like to utilize an innovation grant for the consolidation.

Administrator Barger requested committee approval to submit a letter opposing Office of Management and Budget changes, which has been encouraged by NACo and WCA. Moved by Mike Raddatz and seconded by Gary Sorensen to allow Administrator Barger to submit an opposition letter to the federal government regarding proposed OMB changes. Motion carried.

15. Administrator Barger presented information regarding the new suggested budget process from the Strategic Plan. Discussion followed. It was suggested by some that the Chair and Vice Chair (or designee) sit in on the standing committee budget meetings. Having Executive & Finance Committee attend all standing committee budget meetings as suggested in the Strategic Plan cannot realistically be achieved due to budget constraints and timing issues. Ron reported that a health insurance adjustment rate at 11%, 1% COLA, and step will cost approximately \$900,000. Moved by Mike Raddatz and seconded by Lance Achterberg to include a minimum of a 1% COLA increase and a step increase built into the 2027 budget. Motion carried. Moved by Mike Raddatz and seconded by Lance Achterberg to set the draw from the general fund of \$300,000-\$500,000 in the 2027 budget. Motion carried 5:3 (Noes: Bennett, Sorensen, and Borzick). Supervisors that voted no shared their reasoning at the request of Supervisor Larkin.
16. Chairperson Bornhoeft and IT Director Dan Buchholz presented a County Board survey related to Goal- 1 Initiative 1- within the Strategic Plan. This was earmarked as one of the 2026 goals. The survey will be shown to the full County Board for additional input.
17. An Employee Evaluation Policy proposal was presented. Moved by John Bennett and seconded by John Larkin to approve the Employee Evaluation Policy and to forward to County Board. Motion carried.
18. Chairperson Bornhoeft requested input regarding closed session virtual attendance. Consensus was to leave the rule as currently adopted: Virtual attendance during closed session will be allowed at the discretion of the chairperson and the committee/board.
19. The agenda having been completed Chairperson Chuck Bornhoeft declared the meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Kiley Lloyd, County Clerk