

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WebEx Remote/Virtual and County Board Room of the Services Center
August 18, 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 6:01 p.m. on August 18, 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 and Corporation Counsel Representative Atty. Ben Letendre.

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/Schmudlach to approve the minutes of the July 21, 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. County Board Chairperson Bornhoeft reminded the Board of the upcoming E-Waste Event on August 22nd from 8am-11am at the Fairgrounds. Judicial & Public Safety Chairperson Nigbor reported that she, Administrator Barger, and several other County Board Supervisors attended a community meeting regarding the EMS Waushara Contract at the Neshkoro Fire District on August 6th at 6pm.

Baker Tilly auditor Andrea Jansen presented the 2025 audit report. Questions/Answers followed between Andrea and the Board of Supervisors related to debt and borrowing. Accountant Stacy Kohn also addressed the Board to assist with borrowing explanations. Motion/second by Sorensen/Borzick to place the 2025 audit report on file. Motion carried.

Atty. Ben Letendre shared an Open Meeting Law Presentation. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Fenner requested the committee appointment presented be removed from the Consent Agenda to be voted on separately from Resolution 28-2026. County Clerk Kiley Lloyd separated the items for voting purposes.

Motion/second by Raddatz/Schmudlach to approve the following appointment: Ethics Board- Kathy Jo Locke (Former CB Supervisor Rep)- term to expire 4/2028. Motion carried (13:3). (Noes: Bergh, Fenner, and Walters).

Motion/second by Raddatz/Schmudlach to approve Resolution 28-2026. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 28-2026 ZONING AMENDMENT- TOWN OF BUFFALO
(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 4 acres to AG-3(4) described as Lot 1 CSM 2740, being part of the SW1/4-SE1/4, totaling 4.0 acres for tax parcel 002-01196-0005, all in Section 34, T14N R10E, Town of Buffalo, Marquette County, WI.

Consideration of separate resolutions per agenda item #10.

Resolution No. 29-2026 AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 72- RECYCLING, SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE

(Introduced by Chuck Bornhoeft AND Michael Raddatz)

Upon roll call Resolution No. 29-2026 was adopted as follows: Ayes 16; Noes 0; Absent 1

Attachment can be viewed at the Parks & Rural Planning Office and County Clerk's Office, the county website, and is available upon request

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 72 of the Code of Ordinances of Marquette County, Wisconsin, regulating Recycling, Solid and Hazardous Waste, based on the recommendation of the Department of Natural Resources:

The County Board of Marquette County, Wisconsin, ordains the amendments as shown in the attachment of Chapter 72:

These amendments will be effective the day after publication of the ordinance as required by law.

Chairperson Bornhoeft reported the County Board survey is available on SharePoint. IT Director Dan Buchholz reported the survey can be taken at any time, and that the anonymous responses can be viewed in the SharePoint folder titled PDF Responses. Supervisor Bornhoeft reminded the Board that the survey is an initiative within the Strategic Plan meant to be taken by the County Board to benchmark health of communication, trust, and collaboration. Motion/second by Raddatz/Sorensen to approve the County Board survey. Motion carried. Further discussion regarding the Strategic Plan took place, with a discussion on the purpose of documenting walk-in traffic. County Clerk Kiley Lloyd read the initiative verbiage from the Strategic Plan, noting it is under the objective Work-Life Flexibility and Employee Wellness.

The fiscal and personnel reports, grant updates, and correspondence were reviewed as presented by Administrator Barger. Administrator Barger reported that the Budget Team would be meeting August 25th and 26th to go over department/office budgets. He noted that capital requests will remain in the budgets for committee consideration. Administrator Barger reported that Waushara County will be submitting information for the innovation grant related to the Medical Examiner contract with Marquette and Green Lake Counties. He will keep the Board updated on whether it is accepted and the impact on Marquette County. Administrator Barger reported that he and several County Board Supervisors attended the EMS Consolidation meeting on August 6th held at the Neshkoro Fire District. He noted he has met with Waushara County Administration and Corporation Counsel to discuss the regionalization opportunity 4 times. Currently, Waushara County is deciding between the following options: hiring for EMS Director and Assistant Director or service regionalization, as they have decided against service privatization. Administrator Barger discussed the suggestion of forming a commission, and noted he has sent out material to the Board with further details and examples from Von Briesen. Discussion followed. Hiring a consultant was discussed, with the Waushara and Marquette utilizing cost sharing for the fee. He will bring the option to the Executive & Finance Committee for their consideration. Additional discussion followed regarding coverage for the Southern area of the county.

Sheriff Joe Konrath shared information on an Illegal Vape Awareness training held August 24th 12pm-4pm at the Westfield High School.

Corporation Counsel Representative Atty. Ben Letendre shared Corporation Counsel's report. He noted that his team is working with Department Heads on a daily basis.

Calendar planning was discussed for September 2026. The meeting was declared adjourned subject to the call of the Chairperson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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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.


Kiley Lloyd, County Clerk