MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.

Room 231, Marquette County Courthouse Annex, 234 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette, Michigan 49855

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON DEROCHA**
   - **Pledge of Allegiance**
   - **Roll Call**
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**
   - **Approval Closed Session minutes held October 6, 2026**
   - **Approval Annual Meeting minutes held October 13, 2026**
4. **PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:**
   - **Laughing Whitefish Bird Alliance Presentation (no packet material)**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Time limit 5 minutes total)**
6. **REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**
   - **Total Expenditures paid via check and EFT Transfers for the period October 9, 2026 through October 15, 2026 were $766,964.57; biweekly payroll for the period ending October 10, 2026 was $932,413.00.**
7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**
   - **The Former Westwood Mall Brownfield Plan**
8. **PRIVILEGED COMMENT**
9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
   a. **Communication between Board Chair & Tyler Technologies Regarding Product Demonstration**
   b. **2027 Marquette County Employee Health Insurance Options & Rates**
   c. **"Ring of Silence" Event by NMU TAP Organization**
10. **ACTION ITEMS:**
    a. **Board of Commissioners, District 1 Appointment**
    b. **Resolution Regarding the Former Westwood Mall Brownfield Plan**
    c. **Laughing Whitefish Bird Alliance Resolution**
    d. **AECOM Agreement for Fire Truck Cleanout**
    e. **Stonegarden Grant Agreement**
    f. **Board of Health Appointment**
11. **LATE ADDITIONS:**
    a.
12. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Time limit 3 minutes per person)**
13. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
14. **CLOSED SESSION**
15. **ADJOURNMENT**

You are invited to a Zoom webinar!
When: Oct 20, 2026 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Marquette County Board Of Commissioners 6pm 10/20/2026
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ANNUAL MEETING –October 13, 2026 – 5:00 P.M. – COMMISSIONERS ROOM 231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855.

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON DEROCHA AT 5:00 P.M.**
   - **Pledge of Allegiance**
   - **Roll Call - Present:** Comm. Benzie, Comm. LaLonde, Comm. Alholm, Comm. Nordeen and Chairperson Derocha.
   - **Absent & Excused:** Comm. Numinen
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the agenda with the following addition 11a) Comm. Resignation. Second by Comm. Benzie. Motion adopted (5-0)

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes held on October 6, 2026. Second by Comm. Benzie. Motion adopted (5-0)

4. **PRESENTATION:**
   a. **Motorola Computer Aided Dispatch Presentation**

*A full presentation was given by Motorola explaining in detail all the performance and abilities their software can offer. *Questions were asked throughout the presentation by Commissioners.

Board action: Comm. Benzie moved to accept the presentation by Motorola. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (5-0)

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
   - **Chris,** Marquette City, still has questions that need to be answered by Motorola.
   - **Dave Hall,** Ewing Twp., questioned if there will be good security and coverage when it comes to emergencies in Ewing & Turin Townships.
   - **Cheryl Grove,** Ely Twp., would like to see a presentation from Tyler and has questions for Motorola.
   - **Denise Perry,** MCMCF, stated their facility is now accepting Humana Patients.
   - **Linda Filizetti** questioned why there were no other vendor presentations.
   - **Maureen Gumaer** stated the board is inconsistent and doesn't feel like Robert's Rules of Order are being followed.
   - **Lynn Nelson,** Sands Twp., questioned the cost to Sands and has questions regarding the Motorola CAD system.
   - **John Waldo,** stated he would like to see a presentation from Tyler and he also has additional questions related to the CAD System.
   - **Lowell Larson,** stated concerns regarding the CAD System such as financial, legal, and procedural.
   - **Kurt Kipling** asked why Tyler wasn't here tonight.
   - **Jeremy Hausworth,** MSP, applauded the board that the questions the MSP had will get answered.
   - **Greg Zyburt** stated doesn't understand the board's approach on the CAD issue and requested the board not vote on this issue tonight.
   - **Cody Mayer** spoke about Center Square and stated it is not up to date, also had questions re: Motorola details and all local agencies requesting a different vendor.
   - **Chelsea Hibner, Central Dispatch,** thanked Comm. Benzie for going to Central Dispatch and asking questions; also addressed Central Dispatch personnel being removed and questions on Motorola CAD System.
   - **Brian Kovacs** doesn't feel process for the CAD decision was done right.

- **Margaret Brumm** feels board has listened to those who have offered comment and the board has been professional, also the board has the responsibility to make the decisions and live with the consequences. She trusts the board and asks them to make the best possible decision.
- **Jeff Chiodi** requested financial partnership with the County and Marquette County Conservation District.
- **Joe Boogren,** thanked the board for financial stewardship & commented on the CAD to CAD systems working together without issue.
- **Alyson Sundberg** feels emergency personnel hold a responsibility on the CAD System choice; and requested the financial impact for her ambulance business be answered.
- **Kristie Buruse** would like to see another demo from others, will submit her questions.
- **Miles Moncalieri** questioned the interoperability and gave examples from Gaylord, and asked the board not to vote on this issue tonight and have more presentations before making a decision.

6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Board action: Comm. Benzie moved to approve the total expenditures paid via check & EFT transfers for the period October 2, 2026 through October 8, 2026 were $898,144.87 (this amount does not include check payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric). Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (5-0)

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve check #241872, dated 10/9/2026, for $$1,922.35 payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric. Second by Comm. Benzie. Motion adopted (4-0) ~ Abstained: Comm. Alholm.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

a. FY2027 Budget Hearing

Chairperson Derocha opened the Public Hearing after reading the following:

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Courthouse Annex, Baraga Avenue, Marquette, MI. Instructions for remote participation are available on the County website at: www.co.marquette.mi.us.

A public hearing will be held at the Annual Meeting on the proposed FY 2027 General Fund Budget, Sawyer Airport, Sawyer Water and Wastewater, Friend of the Court, Child Care, Other County Operating Budgets, and the proposed FY 2027 Capital Improvement Budget. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. At that hearing, interested people shall have the opportunity to provide oral or written comments or ask questions concerning the proposed budget, proposed property tax millage rates and the passage of the 2027 County of Marquette General Appropriations Act.

The proposed County millage rates that will be considered in support of the 2027 budget are as follows:

General Operating	**5.1724**
Countywide Transit	**0.5887**
Aging Services	**0.4412**
Central Dispatch	**0.4900**
Rescue Safety	**0.1503**
Veteran's Affairs	**0.0985**
Medicaid Standardization (M.O.E.)	**0.5423**

Following the Public Hearing the Marquette County Board of Commissioners will consider the adoption of the following:

- **FY 2027 Capital Improvements Budget - $486,063**
- **FY 2027 General Fund Budget - $33,993,895**
- **FY 2027 Other County Fund Budgets - $58,911,672**

- **The millage rates levied for the various taxing units (County, Cities, Townships and Schools) throughout Marquette County**

A complete copy of the recommended FY 2027 Budget is available on the County's website at www.co.marquette.mi.us or for public inspection in the County Clerk's Office or the County Administrator's Office in the Courthouse Complex, Baraga Avenue, Marquette, MI.

Public Comment:

- **Jeff Chiodi** thanked the board for the continued support of the MSU Extension.
- **Margaret Brumm,** appreciates the board digging into the financials when dealing with vendors.

With no further public comment to come before the Board ~ Commissioners made the following motion.

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to close the Public Hearing. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (5-0)

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Recommendation to Adopt the FY 2027 General Fund Budget in the Amount of $33,993,895; FY 2027 Capital Improvements Budget in the Amount of $486,063; & FY 2027 Other County Fund Budgets in the Amount of $58,911,672; and the Adoption of the FY 2027 General Appropriations Act Resolution

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT RESOLUTION
For the period beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2027

WHEREAS, Public Act of 2 of 1968 (MCL 141.436) requires that the County Board of Commissioners adopt a General Appropriations Act Resolution in order to implement the operating budget of the County of Marquette for the forthcoming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, a recommended budget for fiscal year 2027 was prepared and submitted by the County Administrator to the Board of Commissioners and through a series of budget work sessions resulted in the proposed budget presented herein; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was publicized and held in accordance with MCL 141.412 on October 13, 2026.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED #1 that the 2027 Marquette County Budget, as summarized below and incorporated by reference herein, is adopted for the General Fund, Public Improvement Fund, and other Special Revenue and Enterprise Funds, and that monies from various County revenues and equity reserves are appropriated and expenditures authorized in accordance with the Account Group Detail of the various funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #2 that in adoption of the budget, ad valorem millage will be levied against the County's taxable valuation. The purpose and amount of the millages are:

Purpose	Millage
General Operating	5.1724
Countywide Transit	0.5887
Aging Services	0.4412
Central Dispatch	0.4900
Rescue Safety	0.1503
Veteran's Affairs	0.0985
Medicaid Standardization (M.O.E.)	0.5423
Total County Millage Levy	7.4834

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #3 that revenues raised from the above millage levies will be paid into the various funds of the County, in accordance with statutory limitations, and will be used to defray the expenditures and meet the liabilities of the County for Fiscal Year 2027 for the funds as identified in the attached 2027 Budget Summary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #4 that an appropriation is not a mandate to spend but shall limit the amount that may be spent for such purposes as are defined by the Board of Commissioners and that shall be limited to the 2027 fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #5 that the County Administrator shall quarterly, at a minimum, provide a report that will inform the Board of actual versus budgeted expenditures. The budget may be amended as conditions indicate provided the budget remains in a balanced state. Amendments will be presented to the Board in accordance with the County's Budget Policy. The County Administrator is authorized to make certain budget transfers in accordance with the County's Budget Policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #6 that any County department, agency, board, commission, or unit whatsoever and any organization, public or private, which accepts a County appropriation, shall do so subject to an agreement that provides for inspection and/or audit by the Marquette County Board or its designee. The Board, or its designee, shall have access for the purpose of audit and examination, to any and all books, documents, papers, and records of the recipient organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED #7 that in administration of the adopted budget, budgetary control shall reside at the most detailed level of budget adopted by the Board (i.e., department, program, or activity). Department heads and Elected Officials may exercise their discretion to make unlimited transfers among line items without prior approval within the "supplies" and "other operating" account groups with written notice to the Finance Manager.

I, Linda K. Talsma, Clerk of the County of Marquette, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the above-stated General Appropriations Act Resolution was taken under consideration at the October 13, 2026, Annual Meeting of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, and the following action taken. It was moved by Comm. Alholm supported by Comm. Nordeen and carried by a roll call vote that the resolution be passed.

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to adopt the FY 2027 General Fund Budget - $33,993,895, FY 2027 Capital Improvements Budget - $486,063, FY 2027 Other County Fund Budgets - $58,911,672, & with the addition of $40,000 from the reserves for Marquette County Conservation District, & with the change of the $100,000 for the Land Bank Director to come out of reserves. And the adoption of the FY 2027 General Appropriations Act Resolution. Second by Comm. Benzie. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Benzie, Comm. Alholm, Comm. LaLonde and Chairperson Derocha Nays: None. Absent: Comm. Numinen. Motion adopted (5-0)

b. Certification of the 2026 Tax Rate Requests

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to approve the certification of the 2026 Tax Rate Requests as presented. Second by Comm. LaLonde. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm Alholm, Comm. Lalonde, Comm. Benzie, Comm.
Nordeen and Chairperson Derocha. Nays: None. Absent: Comm. Numinen. Motion adopted (5-0)
*For a full listing of the 2026 Tax Rate Requests please see attached.

c. Resolution Establishing Salaries of County Officers for FY 2027, Kamila Fassbender read the following: WHEREAS, MCL 45.421 provides that the annual salary of each salaried County Officer, which is by law fixed by the County Board of Commissioners, shall be fixed by the Board each year, and such salaries shall not be decreased, but may be increased, during the term for which that officer has been elected or appointed; and, WHEREAS, by law the County Board of Commissioners fixes the annual salaries of the following described County Officers who serve specifically defined terms of office:
County Commissioner, pursuant to MCL 46.415;
Circuit Court Judges, pursuant to MCL 600.555 (County share of salary);
Probate Court Judge, pursuant to MCL 600.822 (County share of salary);
District Court Judges, pursuant to MCL 600.8202 (County share of salary);
Prosecuting Attorney, pursuant to MCL 49.159;
Sheriff, pursuant to MCL 45.401;
County Clerk, pursuant to MCL 45.401, and MCL 50.67;
County Treasurer, pursuant to MCL 45.401 and MCL 48.43;
Register of Deeds, pursuant to MCL 45.401;
County Drain Commissioner, pursuant to MCL 280.28;
County Mine Inspector, pursuant to MCL 425.107;

County Medical Examiner, pursuant to MCL 52.201e;
NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, that the County Board of Commissioners does hereby establish the annual salaries and/or the County share of those annual salaries of the above referenced County Officers for FY 2027 in the following amounts:

County Commissioners:	$ 8,000.00
County Board Chair:	$ 9,000.00
*Circuit Court Judges:	$ 45,724.12
*Probate Judge:	$191,748.50
*District Court Judges:	$ 45,724.12
Prosecuting Attorney:	$136,213.90
Sheriff:	$100,101.58
County Clerk:	$ 84,975.00
County Treasurer:	$ 81,885.00
Register of Deeds:	$ 81,855.00
County Drain Commissioner:	$ 28,949.37
County Mine Inspector:	$ 39,232.94
County Medical Examiner:	No salary; compensation per contract

*this represents the County share that is reimbursed by the State. Amounts are set by the State.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salaries do not include, nor do they preclude, additional forms of compensation, if any, including but not limited to, such benefits as paid vacation and sick leave, insurance coverage, and retirement benefits in accordance with other policies as made from time to time be adopted by this Board.

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to adopt the Resolution Establishing Salaries of County Officers for FY2027. Second by Comm. Nordeen. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. LaLonde, Comm. Benzie, and Chairperson Derocha. Nays: None. Absent: Comm. Numinen. Motion adopted (5-0)

d. Motorola/MPSCS Discussion, Questions & Answers, & Contract Action

Board action: Comm. LaLonde moved to Table the Motorola Decision. Second by Comm. Benzie. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. LaLonde, Comm. Benzie, Comm. Alholm, Comm. Nordeen, and Chairperson Derocha. Nays: None. Absent: Comm. Numinen. Motion adopted (5-0)

Questions received from the public can be viewed in the County Clerk's Office.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:

a. Commissioner Resignation

Commissioner Numinen emailed the following to the Clerk Talsma: Please consider this email my resignation from the Marquette County Board of Commissioners effective immediately. Please relay this to the Board . Thank you. Karl Numinen.

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to accept the Resignation from Commissioner Numinen with regret. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (5-0)

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Margaret Brumm** stated she trusts the board to do their jobs and make the best decision.
- **Lynn Nelson** thanked the Board for tabling the decision tonight.
- **Bill Luetzow, Central Dispatch Board,** commended the board for working together and compromising ~Yoopers work together.
- **Jeff Chiodi** thanked the board for their support
- **Antonio Adan** thanked the board for their support and explained what the Land Bank Authority has been doing.

- **Brian Kovacs** thanked the board for tabling the CAD System.

With no further public comment to come before the board, this portion of the meeting is closed.

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Comm. Benzie** thanked Motorola for coming tonight.
- **Comm. LaLonde** thanked Motorola and thanked all the public for their comments tonight.
- **Comm. Alholm** thanked Motorola and would like to invite Tyler to the next board meeting.
- **Comm. Nordeen** thanked Motorola and the gentleman from U of M for his comments.
- **Alex Berger, Civil Counsel,** thanked Motorola for coming.
- **Kami Fassbender, Finance Manager** thanked the Board for approving the FY2027 Budget.
- **Chairperson Derocha** apologized for the glitch tonight with the internet and will assess that issue. Also, thanked Motorola group for their presentation tonight.

14. CLOSED SESSION

15. ADJOURMENT: There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:34 p.m.

Cory Beth Grigg
Marquette County Chief Deputy Clerk

Joseph Derocha, Chairman
Marquette County Board of Commissioners