MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 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 JOSEPH DEROCHA
   - Pledge of Allegiance
   - Roll Call
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:
   - Approval Regular Meeting minutes held August 3, 2026
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARD
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 July 31, 2026 through August 13, 2026 were $1,422,753.35 (this does not include check payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric); biweekly payroll for the period ending August 1, 2026 was $915,583.04.
   - Check #240643, dated 8/14/2026, for $2,296.98 ~ payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. ChairTech Lease Termination
    b. Perkins Park Split Rail Fence Replacement & Repair RFP Recommendation
    c. Community Corrections Advisory Board: Appointments & Bylaws Approval
    d. MarqTran Appointment
    e. Deicing Truck FBO Purchase
    f. Central Square Interim Funding Request
    g. IT Server Upgrades with Licenses
    h. K.I. Sawyer Water Department Drinking Water Project USDA Payment Request
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

When: Aug 18, 2026 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Marquette County Board Of Commissioners 6pm 8/18/26
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REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY- AUGUST 3, 2026 – 6:00 P.M. – COMMISSIONERS ROOM 231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855.

1. **CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON DEROCHA AT 6:00 P.M.**
   - **Pledge of Allegiance**
   - **Roll Call - Present:** Comm. Numinen, Comm. Benzie, Comm. LaLonde, Comm. Alholm and Chairperson Derocha Absent & Excused: Comm. Nordeen
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (5-0)

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Board Action: Comm. LaLonde moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes held July 21, 2026 as presented. Second by Comm. Benzie. Motion adopted (5-0)

4. **PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
   - **Margaret Brumm,** Marquette, gave the board of the current monetary support she has received for her cigarette butt recycling program, also thanked the board for listening to her and their patience.
   - **Ruby Miller,** We the People, spoke about needed improvements to the public transit system and website, and the importance of the service.
   - **Kaitlyn Jenson,** supports a safe way to get around the county for all who need to use public transit and would like to see the website improved.
   - **Doug Miller,** voiced his support for action item 10L, and explained the importance of the Northwoods Lifeline service to the community.
   - **Barb Owdziej,** Mqt Co Transit Authority, spoke about the importance of the service to the community and agrees the website needs improvement.
   - **Donovan Young,** We the People, supports MarqTran and its importance to the community.
   - **Meg,** Chocolay Township, expressed the importance of the MarqTran service to home-schooled kids, young adults, disabled, and the elderly.
   - **Chad Cedar,** Negaunee, expressed the importance of access to public transportation & its impact on the community.
   - **Joseph Sherman,** city resident, was in support of improvements to MarqTran services and its website.
   - **Philip,** Negaunee, supports public transportation improvements.
   - **James,** Mqt, would like to see improvements to the MarqTran website.
   - **Daisy Ray,** Mqt, supports the MarqTran and improvements.
   - **Zeke McClure,** We the People, supports increased funding for public transportation.

6. **REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

Board action: Comm. LaLonde moved to approve the total expenditures paid via check & EFT transfers for the period July 17, 2026 through July 30, 2026 were $1,691,179.35; and biweekly payroll for the period ending July 18, 2026 was $946,075.03. Second by Comm. Benzie. Motion adopted (5-0)

7. **PUBLIC HEARING**
8. **PRIVILEGED COMMENT:**
   - **Sheriff Department Stats for July 2026**

Corrections: Average Jail Population 80 **Law Enforcement:** Calls for Service = 358; Case Reports = 57; Crashes = 53; Civil Papers Served = 172; Civil Papers Received = 195
Special Operations: Personal Injury Crashes = 3; Water/Ice Rescue = 6; Structure Fire = 2; Missing Person = 2; Injured Person Extraction Accident = 1; Distressed = 1; Public Assist =3 – **Front Office:** Handgun Registration = 120; Warrants Entered = 43; Protective Orders Entered = 26; Sex Offenders Verified = 18; Background Requests = 48

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Cigarette Butt Resolution

RESOLUTION DECLARING CIGARETTE BUTTS-AND OTHER TOBACCO WASTE LITTERING-UNACCEPTABLE IN MARQUETTE COUNTY

WHEREAS, cigarette butts and other tobacco waste are among the most commonly littered items worldwide and are frequently found on land, beaches, storm drains, roadways, sidewalks, waterways, and in parks; and
WHEREAS, cigarette butts and other tobacco waste contain toxic substances that pose cumulative and persistent risks to the environment, public health, wildlife, and the financial resources of local governments responsible for cleanup and remediation; and
WHEREAS, littering is prohibited under applicable state law and local ordinances within Marquette County, and the Marquette County Board of Commissioners seeks to reinforce public awareness and compliance with these laws;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby declares that the disposal of cigarette butts and other tobacco-related waste in any location other than approved waste receptacles is unacceptable and constitutes littering within Marquette County; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that individuals observed disposing of cigarette butts or other tobacco waste improperly may be subject to enforcement action, including citations and fines, in accordance with applicable statutes and ordinances, as enforced by the Marquette County Sheriff's Office or other authorized agencies.

Board action: Comm. Numinen moved to adopt the Resolution Declaring Cigarette Butts and other Tobacco Waste Littering-Unacceptable in Marquette County. Second by Comm. Benzie. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Numinen, Comm. Benzie, Comm. LaLonde, Comm. Alholm and Chairperson Derocha. Nays: None. Absent~ Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (5-0)

b. Resolution in Support of House Bill 6105 (Lake Level Assessment Funding Reform)

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 6105 (LAKE LEVEL ASSESSMENT FUNDING REFORM)

WHEREAS, Marquette County administers lake level special assessment districts under Part 307 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection act; and
WHEREAS, the State of Michigan, through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), is responsible for paying its proportional share of lake level assessments for state-owned lands; and
WHEREAS, the current Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) formula does not provide sufficient funding for the State's required lake level obligations, resulting in repeated shortfalls that shift costs onto local taxpayers; and
WHEREAS, counties across Michigan have raised concerns that the State's underpayment creates an unfunded mandate and places an unfair financial burden on local lake level districts; and
WHEREAS, House Bill 6105, sponsored by Representative Kunse, would correct this inequity by ensuring the State fully funds its statutory lake level responsibilities; and
WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) has identified HB 6105 as a priority fix needed to protect county budgets and prevent local taxpayers from subsidizing State obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its full support for House Bill 6105 and urges the Michigan Legislature to enact this corrective legislation without delay; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Representative Karl Bohnak, Senator Ed McBroom, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the Governor's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Marquette County encourages swift legislative action to ensure fair, predictable, and fully funded lake level assessments for all Michigan counties.

Board action: Comm. Numinen moved to adopt the Resolution in Support of House Bill 6105 (Lake Level Assessment Funding Reform). Second by Comm. Alholm. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Numinen, Comm. Benzie, Comm. LaLonde, Comm. Alholm and Chairperson Derocha. Nays: None. Absent~ Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (5-0)

c. Scorpion Asphalt Road Repair Project

Duane DuRay, Mqt Co. Administrator, was present to discuss the following: requests that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners consider awarding a contract for a road repair project within the K.I. Sawyer Water/Wastewater Department.

An abandoned water lateral underneath Panther Street ruptured and the repair required a portion of the asphalt to be removed. The affected area is located within the residential portion of K.I. Sawyer and consists of approximately a 15-foot by 18-foot section of roadway that now requires restoration.

Staff developed and advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) through multiple outlets, including the Marquette County website, the Sawyer Water/Wastewater Department website, the Builders Exchange, and direct solicitation of qualified contractors.

The scope of work includes preparing the roadway in accordance with Marquette County Road Commission specifications, including:

- Preparing the subgrade for asphalt replacement;
- Saw-cutting existing bituminous pavement to provide straight edges;
- Applying edge coating to ensure proper bonding of the new pavement; and

The contract requires the work to be completed within 60 days of award. Bids were opened on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, and two proposals were received:

Contractor	Location		Total Bid
Payne and Dolan, Inc.	Marquette, MI		$29,375
Superior Paving	Marquette,	MI	$20,100

Because this repair resulted from an unanticipated emergency waterline failure, funding for the project was not included in the 2026 budget. A budget amendment will be required to appropriate funds for the repair.

Board action: Comm. Numinen moved to award the contract to Superior Paving in the amount not to exceed $20,100, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (5-0)

d. Request to Purchase Vehicle Using MDHHS Grant Funding

Patrick Jacuzzo, Health Officer/Director was present to explain the following: The Marquette County Health Department (MCHD) is seeking approval to purchase a 2026 Chevy Trailblazer AWD LS for use in the Harm Reduction program to support service delivery to clients. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has provided MCHD with $40,000 specifically earmarked for the purchase and operation of a vehicle within the Harm Reduction program. In addition, MCHD also has vehicle-associated funds totaling $19,700, consisting of:

- $15,900 from the insurance payout for a totaled 2023 Subaru Impreza, which had been purchased

with MDHHS Essential Local Public Health Stabilization grant dollars; and

- $3,800 from the sale of a decommissioned 2014 Chevy Cruze.

Bid request letters were went to each car dealership within Marquette County seeking the lowest vehicle pricing. MCHD received four associated bids. The Chevy Trailblazer AWD LS came in at the lowest initial cost ($27,393.58) compared to all competing bids. The Chevy Trailblazer AWD LS also demonstrates the lowest true cost of ownership across five years compared to all bids received per Edmunds.com data.

Board action: Comm. Benzie moved to approve MCHD to purchase a Chevy Trailblazer AWD LS in the amount not to exceed $27,393.58 from Fox Negaunee Chevrolet/GMC. Second by Comm. LaLonde.
Motion adopted (5-0)

e. Little Trout Lake Asphalt Mural Artist Recommendation

Amy Stephens, Planner was present to explain the following: In March of 2026, the Marquette County Planning Division received a Michigan Arts and Culture Grant for $20,000, which includes a 25% county match, to install percussive cattail sculptures and an asphalt mural at the newly renovated Little Trout Lake Park in K.I. Sawyer. $14,300 was allocated as a flat rate for an artist to install the 1,000 square foot asphalt mural.

In June, a Request for Qualifications and Proposals was distributed publicly in the Mining Journal, the County website, and via a list of local/regional artists. Seven proposals by talented and skilled artist submitted and Timothy Robert Smith stood out to the panelists based on his strong portfolio, unique use of perspective, and 15+ years of technical experience creating murals across the world. Five panelists according to the following criteria ranked the proposals:

- Artistic Merit: Creativity, scale, environment, and quality.
- Relevance to Community: Theme and engagement.
- Artist Qualification and Experience: Track record, reliability.
- Feasibility and Logistics: Timeline, maintenance, and materials.
- Budget and Clarity: Transparency and value.

* The top three ranking artists were interviewed by members of the panel, which resulted in a recommendation to the Board.

Board action: Comm. Benzie moved to award the contract to Timothy Robert Smith. Second by Comm. LaLonde Motion adopted (5-0)

f. Car Rental Concession Agreements

David Erhart, Airport Manager was present to explain the following: request for the County Boards consideration to approve two new individual lease agreements between Marquette County and Sonju Enterprises, Inc. (Avis) and Marquette County and Enterprise Leasing Company of Detroit, LLC (Enterprise, National). Although these leases are new and have been updated to include more recent language adoptions for contracts, lease parameters remain largely unchanged with similar terms and escalations compared to the previous contracts and extensions.

LEASE PARTICULARS

Term:	5-year term – September 1, 2026-August 31, 2031
Rate Escalation:	3% annual escalator on rental counter space, a 5% escalation for the entire 5-year term compared to previous contract on janitorial and trash services as well as car wash bay rental, staggered increases in parking spaces in year 1, 3, and 5

Board action: Comm. Numinen moved to approve the new lease agreements between Marquette County and both Sonju and Enterprise as outlined above, also authorize Chairman Derocha to execute the leases. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (5-0)

g. Federal Aviation Administration Grant 3-26-0153-065-2026 Acceptance

David Erhart, Airport Manager was present to discuss the following: Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport (MSRA) staff is requesting Marquette County Board of Commissioners consider preapproving a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement Program (AIP) grant SAW-GLG-3-26-0153-065-2026. Furthermore, a request to include preapproving the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Aeronautics sponsor contract that will follow the issuance of the grant. These agreements are associated with the funding for airfield re-marking and sealing work and updating the Airport's property inventory map. A project breakdown is included below:

Project Component	Federal (95%)	State (2.5%)	Local (2.5%)	Total
Engineering (Design)	$ 21,090.00	$ 555.00	$ 555.00	$ 22,200.00
Engineering (CA)	$ 54,910.00	$ 1,445.00	$ 1,445.00	$ 57,800.00
IFE	$ 1,852.50	$ 48.75	$ 48.75	$ 1,950.00
Exhibit A	$ 495,392.03	$ 13,036.63	$ 13,036.64	$ 521,465.30
Remarking	$ 269,777.29	$ 7,099.40	$ 7,099.41	$ 283,976.10
Reseal Airfield	$ 165,044.45	$ 4,343.26	$ 4,343.29	$ 173,731.00
Reseal GA Apron	$ 167,270.91	$ 4,401.87	$ 4,401.87	$ 176,074.65
Total	$ 1,175,337.18	$ 30,929.91	$ 30,929.96	$ 1,237,197.05

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to preapprove the acceptance of Grant SAW-GLG-3-26-0153-065-2026, approving Chairperson Joseph Derocha and Civil Counsel authority to sign FAA grant. Second by Comm. LaLonde. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. Numinen, Comm. Benzie, Comm. LaLonde and Chairperson Derocha. Nays: None Absent: Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (5-0)

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to adopt the resolution and the signing of the MDOT Aero Sponsor contract when receive, as is required in the acceptance process. Second by Comm. Benzie. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. Numinen, Comm. Benzie, Comm. LaLonde and Chairperson Derocha. Nays: None Absent: Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (5-0)

h. Federal Aviation Administration Grant 3-26-0153-067-2026 Acceptance

David Erhart, Airport Manager was present to discuss the following: Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport (MSRA) staff is requesting Marquette County Board of Commissioners consider pre approving a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) FAA Contract Tower (FCT) Program grant SAW-GLG-3-26-0153-067-2026. This agreement is associated with the funding for the final phase of rehabilitation work on the airport's Air Traffic Control Tower.

The scope of work for this segment of the project provides for the remaining items identified in Phase 1 of this project as needing addressed as a part of modernization of the entire tower. This fully federally funded project had a maximum grant amount of $3,807,546 that would address as many items remaining as possible. Following the bid opening on 7/24/2026, a single responsive bidder, Cross General Contracting, Inc. submitted a bid within the budget addressing all remaining items resulting in a total project cost of $2,112,795. A cost and scope breakdown is included below:

Engineering Services (M&H)		IFEs (Crosscheck IFE)		Contractor Services (Cross)		Project Total
Design	$ 302,810.00	Design	$ 1,950.00	Windows Replacement	$ 400,200.00	
Construction Admin	$ 341,185.00	Construction Admin	$ 1,950.00	Shades Replacement	$ 62,000.00	
				Cab Roof	$ 49,000.00	
				Cab Ceiling	$ 30,000.00	
				Cab Millwork	$ 66,000.00	
				Cab and Stair Carpet	$ 21,700.00	
				Elevator Modernization	$ 453,000.00	
				Generator Replacement	$ 292,000.00	
				Weather Equipment	$ 91,000.00	
	$ 643,995.00		$ 3,900.00		$ 1,464,900.00	$ 2,112,795.00

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to pre approve the acceptance of Grant SAW-GLG-3-26-0153-067-2026, approving Chairperson Joseph Derocha and Civil Counsel authority to sign FAA grant once received. Second by Comm.LaLonde. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. Numinen, Comm. Benzie, Comm. LaLonde and Chairperson Derocha. Nays: None Absent: Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (5-0)

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

i. ATCT Upgrades Phase 3 Construction Administration Agreement

David Erhart, Airport Manager was present to explain the following: Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport (MSRA) staff respectfully requests approval of a Construction Administration (CA) services amendment between Marquette County and Mead & Hunt for the Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) Phase 3 Project. This amendment is a continuation of CA services provided by Mead & Hunt during the design phase of the project. This amendment extends the contract to cover services to be provided during the actual construction phase of the project, taking place primarily during 2027.

Cost and Value Assessment:

- Total Estimated Project Cost: $2,112,795
- Construction Administration Cost (Mead & Hunt): $341,185.00

To verify the reasonableness of the proposal, an Independent Fee Estimate (IFE) was conducted by an unaffiliated consultant. The IFE determined a fair market value range of $380,250.00 to $464,750.00, placing Mead & Hunt's proposal 10.3% below the low-end of market expectations, confirming both value and cost-effectiveness.

* Approval of this agreement will position the County to move forward efficiently once grant funds are awarded and ensure timely delivery of this critical infrastructure improvement project.

Board action: Comm. Numinen moved to approve the Agreement Amendment with Mead & Hunt in an amount not to exceed $341,185 for Construction Admin Services; and Authorize Chairperson Joseph Derocha to sign the agreement, contingent upon the receipt of the FAA grant award. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (5-0)

j. US Army, Yulista Contract Services, 2026-2027 Season Lease

David Erhart, Airport Manager was present to explain the following: The U.S. Army, through Yulista Contract Services has operated out of Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport for eleven winter seasons to conduct known-icing testing on experimental aircraft. During each season, they have utilized the facilities of Hangar 663 for office space and aircraft and equipment storage and maintenance. Staff has signed a letter of intent for

this coming season to provide 663 once again for their operations. The airport, having space in Hangar 663, is able to meet this need within the requested timeframe.

Lease Particulars:

- Lease terms - September 1, 2026, through May 31, 2027 (End date may vary, dependent on conditions and operation).
- Monthly base hangar rent - $11,188.18 per month.
- Additional monthly recurring expenses vary with services required for the operation.
- Note: Some of the miscellaneous expenses reflect services rendered by airport personnel and outside services. These charges may vary due to Lessee requests.
- Utilities – Reimburse to Marquette County at actual cost plus 15%.
- Electrical, telecommunication, and other miscellaneous upgrades to the facility will be billed on an actual cost plus 15% administrative expense for processing.

Staff is seeking the Board's approval to draft a lease between the County of Marquette and Yulista Contract Services, LLC per the terms established in the attached Letter of Intent bearing the signature of David Erhart, Airport Manager, and Michael Kinder representing Yulista Contract Services.

Board action: Comm. Benzie moved to approve the terms established in the signed Letter of Intent, direct Staff to draft a lease between the County of Marquette and Yulista Contracting Services, LLC, and authorize Chairman Derocha to execute the lease. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (5-0)

k. FBO Pickup Trucks Recommendation

Anania Tekurio, Assistant Airport Manager was present to explain the following: In preparation for Marquette County assuming fixed-base operator (FBO) services at the Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport, Airport staff solicited bids for the purchase of two new four-wheel-drive, three-quarter-ton gasoline pickup trucks. Bids received in April 2026 in anticipation of an earlier transition of FBO services; however, the award was delayed when the transition date was postponed. Although the transition timeline subsequently extended, the need for these vehicles remains as the County prepares to assume FBO operations in October 2026.

Airport staff subsequently re-engaged the original bidders to verify vehicle availability, pricing, and delivery schedules. Since the bids were submitted several of the originally proposed vehicles had been sold. The two dealerships submitting the lowest responsive bids confirmed they would honor their original quoted pricing, as summarized below:

- Todd Wenzel Automotive – Westland, Michigan
  - Vehicle 1: 2026 GMC Sierra 2500 HD Regular Cab – $57,975.00; estimated delivery within 3–4 weeks after receipt of order; includes an 8-foot, 6-inch snowplow.
  - Vehicle 2: 2026 GMC Sierra 2500 HD Regular Cab – $57,975.00; estimated delivery within 7–10 weeks after receipt of order; includes an 8-foot, 6-inch snowplow.
  - Total Proposed Price: $115,950.00
- Bob Maxey Ford, Inc. – Detroit, Michigan
  - Vehicle 1: 2026 Ford F-250 Super Duty 4x4 – $57,530.00
  - Vehicle 2: 2026 Ford F-250 Super Duty 4x4 – $57,530.00
  - Estimated Delivery: 70–100 days after receipt of order.
  - Total Proposed Price: $115,060.00

Although Bob Maxey Ford submitted the lower total price, its proposal did not clearly demonstrate compliance with several required bid specifications. Todd Wenzel Automotive's proposal met the required specifications, included fully specified snowplow equipment, and offered a delivery schedule that better supports the County's planned October 2026 transition to County-operated FBO services. Accordingly, Todd Wenzel Automotive was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

* This recommendation based on the dealership's ability to provide vehicles that meet the County's bid specifications within the timeframe necessary to support the October 2026 transition to County-operated FBO services.

Board action: Comm. LaLonde moved to authorize the purchase of two 2026 GMC Sierra 2500 HD Regular Cab 4x4 pickup trucks from Todd Wenzel Automotive, Westland, Michigan, for a total amount not to exceed $115,950.00. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (5-0)

l. T-Hanger 26 Agreement with Northwoods Air Lifeline

Duane DuRay, Administrator was present to explain the following: On November 9, 2023, during an Airport Advisory Committee meeting, Mr. Jesse Bell presented information regarding Northwoods Airlifeline, a nonprofit organization comprised of volunteer pilots from Michigan's Upper Peninsula and northeast Wisconsin, requesting reduced hangar rent for an aircraft based at Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport. The organization has been operating since 1989 and has flown more than 2,200 missions, providing free air transportation for patients and their families who require access to specialized medical care that is not available locally. According to Northwoods Airlifeline, approximately 60% of its flights originate from Marquette, demonstrating the importance of the service to residents throughout Marquette County and the surrounding region.

That request was forwarded to the Marquette County Board, and funding for the hangar was ultimately approved through the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) 2% Grant Program. The grant provided funding for a 36-month period, which is scheduled to expire in June 2027. Staff has reviewed the funding needs and recommends continuing to provide hangar space at a reduced rental rate of $1.00 per year for an additional three-year period beginning in July 2027. The current annual hangar rental rate is $1,920.

Staff recognizes and appreciates the valuable service Northwoods Airlifeline provides to the community. Continuing to provide hangar space at a reduced rental rate will help support the organization's continued presence at Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport, ensuring this vital medical transportation service remains readily available to residents throughout the region.

Board action: Comm. Benzie moved to approve the request to provide hangar space at a reduced rental rate of $1.00 per year for an additional three-year term beginning in July 2027. The estimated value of the reduced rent is $5,760 over the three-year term, and staff believes this investment is justified by the significant public benefit Northwoods Airlifeline provides to Marquette County and the surrounding communities. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (5-0)

11. LATE ADDITIONS

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Donovan Young**, stated that when attending meetings via Zoom, cannot hear those not speaking into their microphones.
- **Zeke McClure,** supported services for the unhoused and thanked the board for hearing all the public comments.
- **Kaitlyn Jensen,** expressed that there is disconnect in communication between the County Board and the MarqTran board, and supported finding grants in support of public transportation.
- **Margaret Brumm,** thanked the board for passing the resolution 10a.
- **Joseph Sherman,** continued explaining the difficulties navigating the MarqTran website.
- **Meg,** expressed the importance of public transportation and the board's attention to the subject is meaningful.

- **Eric Sibley,** via Zoom, thanked the board for passing the 10L agreement. Chairperson Derocha thanked all of the pilots who donate their time.
- **Joseph Giogianni,** supports the MarqTran services.

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. Alholm** asked if the County has received the budget request from the MarqTran Board.
- **Comm. LaLonde** thanked the staff for their hard work acquiring grants, thanked the MarqTran board member, Barb Owdziej for attending tonight's meeting, & also suggested a Mqt Co. Commissioner be a member of that board.
- **Comm. Benzie** supports Comm. LaLonde's suggestion of a Mqt Co. Commissioner be a member of the MarqTran board. Also reminded the public to vote in tomorrow's Primary Election.
- **Comm. Numinen** reflected on the public's comments regarding public transportation, agreed that the website needs significant upgrades, and that it is critical the millage on the ballot passes tomorrow.
- **Kami Fassbender, CFO,** thanked everyone who spoke at public comment.
- **Chairperson Derocha** thanked everyone in the room who advocate help for others. The Commissioners are listening to the concerns voiced regarding public transportation, and suggested Planning meet with the MarqTran board to assist in finding grants. In the end, the MarqTran board members are the ones who decide how the money received is spent and where it is applied.

14. CLOSED SESSION

15. ADJOURMENT: There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:54 p.m.

Cory Beth Grigg
Marquette County Deputy Clerk

Joseph Derocha, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

MARQUETTE COUNTY

AUDIT REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 13, 2026

OUR STATUTORY FINANCE COMMITTEE TO WHO WAS REFERRED THE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS HAS APPROVED PAYMENT OF THE AMOUNTS AS INDICATED ON THE ATTACHED WARRANT REPORTS.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES PAID VIA CHECK AND EFT TRANSFERS FOR THE PERIOD JULY 31, 2026 THROUGH AUGUST 13, 2026 WERE $1,422,753.35. (THIS AMOUNT DOES NOT INCLUDE CHECK PAYABLE TO ALGER-DELTA CO-OP ELECTRIC).

*CHECK #240643, DATED 8/14/2026, FOR $2,296.98~ PAYABLE TO ALGER-DELTA CO-OP ELECTRIC.

BIWEEKLY PAYROLL FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 1, 2026 WAS $915,583.04.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

FINANCE COMMITTEE BY:

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JOSEPH DEROCHA

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KAREN ALHOLM

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BILL NORDEEN

APPROVED FOR PAYMENT
MARQUETTE COUNTY CLERK

BY: Kamila Fassbender _____

BIWEEKLY PAYROLL FOR PERIOD ENDING 8/1/2026

FUND NUMBER & NAME		TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS
101	GENERAL FUND	602,448.99
215	FRIEND OF THE COURT	37,894.64
235	PROSECUTING ATTORNEY -TEMP	0.00
236	K.I. INTERMEDIARY RELENDING	0.00
238	PA 511	6,110.36
245	Land Bank Authority	4,350.73
253	VICTIM RESTITUTION	0.00
255	HOMESTEAD	0.00
256	REG OF DEEDS-AUTOMATION FUND	486.37
259	REMONUMENTATION	0.00
260	INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	75,564.48
273	CENTRAL DISPATCH	51,034.23
274	RESCUE SAFETY	8,511.25
285	MCTV GRANT	2,056.82
287	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1,113.83
292	PROBATE CHILD CARE	16,249.93
297	VETERAN AFFAIRS	7,588.93
298	COMMISSION ON AGING	5,919.61
508	FOREST/RECREATION	10,881.15
532	FORECLOSURE	0.00
541	FORESTRY SERVICES	362.97
581	AIRPORT	61,231.02
590	WASTEWATER	15,808.35
591	WATER	7,590.43
629	SERVICE CENTERS	0.00
650	COPY/COMPUTER	378.95
		915,583.04

Payroll Check Numbers **130817 - 130818**

VENDOR ACTIVITY REPORT FOR COUNTY OF MARQUETTE
VENDOR RANGE: 23078 TO 23078
Activity From 08/07/2026 To 08/14/2026
Total of Checks Greater Than $599.99

Vendor Code / Post Date	Vendor Name / Activity	Inv/Check #	Description	Invoice Amt	Check Amt
23078	ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES				
08/07/2026	INVOICE	JULY 2026	CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS/SAWYER CARD		
	581-595.000-740.000		MARKETING/REDEVELOPMENT	1,968.21	
	581-595.000-860.000		TRAVEL	425.13	
	581-595.005-808.019		ACCESS CONTROL EXPENSES	519.14	
	581-595.000-730.001		BUILDING SUPPLIES	885.18	
	581-595.000-745.001		C/F/R SUPPLIES & EXP.	168.56	
	581-595.007-755.000		OTHER SUPPLIES	88.63	
			Distribution Total:	4,054.85	
08/07/2026	INVOICE	JUNE 2026	CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS/PROS ATTNY		
	101-296.000-727.000		OFFICE SUPPLIES	156.48	
08/07/2026	INVOICE	JULY 2026	CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS/FINANCE CARD		
	101-191.000-802.000		FINANCE MEMBERSHIPS	347.00	
	101-191.000-865.000		FINANCE INSERVICE TRAINING	2,519.00	
	101-265.000-932.000		CRTHSE COMPLEX BLDG REPAIRS	44.78	
	101-265.000-932.002		CRTHSE COMPEX/BLDG REPAIRS-MECHANICAL	90.97	
	101-265.000-971.079		CRTHSE COMPLEX EQUIP/FURNISH PURCHASES	658.00	
	101-270.000-802.000		HR MEMBERSHIPS	374.00	
	101-270.000-867.000		HR STAFF TRAINING	50.00	
	101-286.000-802.000		DISTRICT CT MEMBERSHIPS	200.00	
	101-286.000-805.000		DISTRICT CT JURY FEES	84.55	
	101-286.000-867.000		DISTRICT CT STAFF TRAINING	300.00	
	101-294.000-860.000		PROBATE CT TRAVEL	189.28	
	101-294.000-901.000		PROBATE CT ADVERTISING	218.46	
	101-305.000-860.000		SHERIFF ADMIN TRAVEL	239.00	
	101-351.000-850.000		JAIL TELEPHONE	219.99	
	101-351.000-860.000		JAIL TRAVEL	239.00	
	101-371.000-860.000		BLDG CODES TRAVEL	(30.00)	
	101-701.000-901.000		PLANNING ADVERTISING	4.95	
	238-353.005-867.003		ADMIN TRAINING	337.67	
	260-173.000-727.000		PUB DEF OFFICE SUPPLIES	49.00	
	298-672.001-961.030		AGING LOCAL VOLUNTEER MEALS	90.57	
	508-751.001-755.000		LTL OTHER SUPPLIES	15.30	
			Distribution Total:	6,241.52	
08/07/2026	CHECK	AP 240543			4,054.85
08/07/2026	CHECK	AP 240544			156.48
08/07/2026	CHECK	AP 240545			6,241.52
			Total:	10,452.85	10,452.85
			Net of 3 Invoices / 3 Checks		
			Grand Total 3 invoices and 3 checks for	10,452.85	10,452.85

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DEAD RIVER LAW
REGISTERED ASSUMED NAME FOR BERGER LAW, P.C.
ALEX BERGER, ESQ & CHRISTINA NESTOR, ESQ
PO BOX 777, MARQUETTE, MI 49855
OFFICE@DEADRIVERLAW.COM

August 11, 2026

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
ChairTech, LLC
508 H Avenue
Gwinn, MI 49841
Attention: Rolly Meyers

Re: Notice of Default—Building Lease at Building 418 and Parcel L-3

Mr. Meyers:

I write in my capacity as Civil Counsel for the County of Marquette. It has been brought to my attention that you continue to be in default of the Lease Agreement, effective May 1, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 4.1.4 of the Lease Agreement, this letter serves as formal notice that ChairTech, LLC., is delinquent on payment to Marquette County. This default arises from your failure to make monthly payments between May 2026 and August 2026. As of the date of this notice, the past due balance is $2,721.24, representing four unpaid monthly installments of $680.31. The lease provides for a ten (10) day period to return to compliance with the Lease Agreement. If compliance is not restored within the specified period, a late payment fee of 1.5% of the monthly installment will be added to your pending and delinquent billing. Additionally, if compliance is not restored within the specified period, this agreement is subject to termination.

Please note that prior notice was provided on June 16, 2026, and July 17, 2026, indicating outstanding and delinquent monthly payments. **If these breaches are not cured within the stated 10-day period further action, including lease termination and appropriate remedies, may lawfully be pursued.** Please do not hesitate to reach out to discuss your plans to cure these material breaches. You can contact me directly at civilcounsel@mqtco.org or by regular mail at the address on this letterhead. Thank you for your attention and timely response.

Best,

Christina Nestor

Christina Nestor
Marquette County
Assistant Civil Counsel

Cc: Duane DuRay, dduray@mqtco.org

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MEMORANDUM

To: Duane DuRay, Marquette County Administrator
From: Sven Gonstead, Recreation Specialist
Date: August 7, 2026
Re: Perkins Park & Campground Cedar Split-Rail Fence Replacement – Bid Recommendation

Marquette County received five bids for the **Perkins Park & Campground Cedar Split-Rail Fence Replacement Project**. The project includes the removal of existing split-rail fencing and designated sections of guardrail and the installation of approximately 380 linear feet of new cedar split-rail fencing.

The bids received are summarized below:

Contractor	Location	Bid Amount
G & J Solutions Inc.	Calumet, MI	$36,560.00
Associated Constructors	Marquette, MI	$31,100.00
RMD Holdings/Nationwide Construction	Richmond, MI	$45,345.08
Marquette Fence Company	**Marquette, MI**	**$21,800.00**
American Fence & Supply	Warren, MI	$57,607.00

Marquette Fence Company submitted the **lowest bid**, approximately $9,300 below the next-lowest bidder. In addition, Marquette Fence Company is a local contractor, which provides an advantage for project coordination and responsiveness.

Following review of the submitted bids, staff recommends awarding the project to **Marquette Fence Company of Marquette, Michigan, in the amount of $21,800.00**. This project is part of the approved 2026 Capital Program, paid by the Forestry Fund.

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ACTION ITEM REQUEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING DATE:	AUGUST 18TH, 2026
SUBMITTED BY/DEPARTMENT:	Duane DuRay, County Administrator
AGENDA ITEM:	CCAB Bylaw Revisions & Appointments
FINANCIAL IMPACT ON BUDGET:	

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: The Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB) is requesting that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners vote to approve the revised CCAB Bylaws and to appoint new members to the CCAB. The CCAB voted to pass the revised CCAB Bylaws on May 27th, 2026. These revisions will allow the CCAB to add other counties from the Upper Peninsula to the Marquette Regional CCAB. Additionally, Civil Counsel has approved the CCAB Bylaw revisions. The CCAB new member appointments are to fill vacancies for the following positions:

- Employment Training - Breanne Pitts
- Iron County Commissioner - Ean Bruette
- Houghton County Commissioner - Roy Britz
- Baraga County Commissioner - Brad Dakota
- Keweenaw County Commissioner - Del Rajala
- Alger County Commissioner - Mike Nettleton
- Circuit/District Court Probation – Stephanie Gordon

RECOMMENDATION: Pass the revised CCAB Bylaws & appoint the aforementioned individuals to the CCAB.

BY-LAWS

MARQUETTE REGIONAL COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

I. Title and Scope

A. Throughout these by-laws "Advisory Board" means the Marquette Regional Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB) created by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners pursuant to Sections 6, 7, and 8 of the Community Corrections Act (PA 511 of 1988 as amended).

B. The jurisdictional area of the Advisory Board includes any Michigan county located in the Upper Peninsula admitted to participate by majority vote of the Advisory Board pursuant to these bylaws.

II. Authority and Mission

A. The Advisory Board shall be constituted and exercise the authority granted to it by the resolution adopted by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners on July 18, 1989.

B. It is the mission of the Advisory Board to act as the principal planning, policy and program development body for community corrections programs in any Michigan county located in the Upper Peninsula that is admitted to participate by majority vote of the Advisory Board pursuant to these bylaws. The purpose of the mission is to achieve the goal of Community Corrections Act to:

> Reduce the number of admissions to state prison and jails of non-violent offenders, and improve the appropriate utilization of jail facilities without a demonstrable increase to the risk of public safety and within the context of effective, community-based programming (PA511, Section 8.4).

The Advisory Board will carry out this mission through advice and recommendation to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners. Specific tasks of the Advisory Board include:

1. Develop a comprehensive community corrections plan, monitor the plan, recommend improvements and modifications, perform annual evaluations of the programs and activities in that plan, and prepare an annual report.

2. Provide for the management of the Community Corrections Plan.

3. Develop a process for receipt of proposals, a proposal review and selection criteria which present no conflicting interest with the CCAB, County Commission or the Office of Community Corrections (OCC) or local programs under consideration.

4. Establish a system for data analysis as required by the OCC and provide information and monthly reports as required by the OCC.

5. Comply with minimum standards, program and fiscal monitoring system adopted by the State CCB.

6. Develop a system for evaluating and monitoring the effectiveness of the community corrections programs in accordance with guidelines developed by the State CCB.

7. Adopt program policies and procedures for the CCAB and the local programs.

8. Develop an ongoing public education and information program and implement public information activities which inform and educate the general public regarding the need for diversion of nonviolent offenders from confinement and the benefits these programs bring to the local community.

9. Determine the possible sources of funding of the program activities specified in the comprehensive plan.

10. Regularly monitor activities under the comprehensive plan for compliance with OCC operating standards and initiate corrective actions in cases of noncompliance.

11. Respond to requests by OCC and ensure that any required corrective actions are taken.

12. Develop safeguards to prevent duplication of existing public and private services to meet the needs of clients.

13. Encourage local planning activities in order to promote greater interagency coordination and more effective program development.

14. At the direction of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, enter into contracts for services or provide services identified in the community corrections plan.

III. Membership

A. The membership of the Advisory Board shall consist of members appointed by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners. Appointments will be made on the following basis and in compliance with MCL 791.407 :

1. One member shall be a county sheriff, or his/her designee.
2. One member shall be a chief of a city police department, or his/her designee.
3. One member shall be a judge of the circuit court, or his/her designee.
4. One member shall be a judge of the district court, or his/her designee.
5. One member shall be judge of the probate court, or his/her designee.
6. One member shall be a Marquette County commissioner or city council person.
7. Each additional participating Upper Peninsula county admitted under these by-laws shall designate one commissioner or city counsel person to serve as that county's representative on the Advisory Board. The representative shall be recommended by that county's board of commissioners, and appointed in the same manner as other Advisory Board members.
8. One member shall be selected from 1 of the following areas: Mental health, public health, substance abuse, employment and training, or community alternative programs.
9. One member shall be a county prosecuting attorney, or his/her designee.
10. One member shall be a criminal defense attorney and who may be a local public defender.
11. One member shall be from the business community.
12. One member shall be from the communications media.
13. One member shall be either a circuit court probation agent or a district court probation officer.
14. Two members shall be representatives of the general public.
15. One member shall be affiliated with the applicable workforce investment board.

B. For a county or regional advisory board, the county board or boards of commissioners shall appoints the members.

C. Before an appointment is made the appointing authority shall publish advance notice of the appointments and shall request that the names of individuals interested in being considered for appointment be submitted to the appointing authority.

D. If a vacancy occurs in an unexpired term, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners shall be notified of such vacancy, and a replacement shall be appointed by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners to complete the unexpired term, in accordance with Board policy.

E. Member's Absence - Whenever a member of the Advisory Board fails to attend four (4)

consecutive regular meetings, the chairperson shall submit to such member a written memorandum of such record, which shall be provided to and acknowledged by the Advisory Board at its next regular meeting. At that time, the member shall have the opportunity to explain the reasons for such absence. For a representative serving on behalf of a participating county, notice of such absence record shall also be provided to that county's governing body. The appointing body may thereafter request that the Board of Commissioners terminate the appointment of such member if deemed necessary. Upon termination, the Board of Commissioners shall then appoint a new member to fill the unexpired term.

F. Admission of Additional Counties. Any Michigan county located in the Upper Peninsula seeking to participate in the Advisory Board after adoption of these by-laws may request admission by submitting a written resolution or other formal action of its governing body to the Chairperson of the Advisory Board. The request shall identify the county's proposed representative. The request shall be submitted to the Board of Commissioners, which shall publish advance notice of the proposed appointment, request names of individuals interested in being considered for appointment, and appoint a member to the Advisory Board.

G. Annual Renewal of Participating Counties. Each Upper Peninsula county other than Marquette County that participates in the Advisory Board shall renew its participation annually by submitting, on or before a date established by the Advisory Board, a written resolution or other formal action of its governing body confirming continued participation for the upcoming year. If a participating county does not timely renew, the Advisory Board must treat that county's participation and designated seat as lapsed until renewal is approved.

H. Attendance by County Representatives. Each participating county shall maintain one commissioner or city council person as its designated representative to the Advisory Board, and that representative is expected to attend Advisory Board meetings throughout the year. Repeated failure of a county representative to attend meetings may be addressed under the member absence provisions of these by-laws and may be considered by the Advisory Board in connection with that county's continued participation or annual renewal.

IV. Officers

A. The Advisory Board at its annual meeting in January or February, will elect from its membership a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

B. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:

1. The Chairperson shall act as the chief executive officer of the Advisory Board and shall transact such business as may rightly pertain to this office. The Chair shall preside at

all meetings of the Advisory Board and preserve order and shall decide all questions of order. The Chair shall enforce the provisions of these by-laws and, with approval of the Advisory Board, shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for and be ex-officio member of all committees. The Chair shall perform such other duties as the Advisory Board may assign.

2. The Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson in the discharge of the Chair's duties and, during the absence of the Chair, shall perform the duties of the Chairperson. In the event that a vacancy occurs in the office of Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall act as the Chairperson for the unexpired term. Vacancy in the Office of Vice-Chairperson shall be filled at the pleasure of the Commission.

V. Meetings

A. The Advisory Board will comply with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1976) regarding all meetings held by the Board.

B. At the last meeting each year, an annual report for the previous fiscal year shall be approved, a copy of which shall be made public and a copy forwarded to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners and the OCC.

C. Regular meetings shall be held to comply with the necessary approval of OCC grant deadlines. The day, time, and meeting place for the meetings for the year and the day, time, and meeting place for the annual meeting for the following year will be set at the annual meeting.

D. The Chairperson may call a special meeting when necessitated to properly discharge the duties of the Advisory Board and shall call a special meeting by request of four (4) members of the Advisory Board. This request shall be in writing, shall state clearly the purpose of the meeting and shall be signed by those making such request. Such meetings shall be held in accordance with the same procedures as govern regular meetings. Such special meeting may be held with less than 17 members provided that a quorum is present, and those members who cannot be in attendance have acknowledged receipt of written notice of such special meeting.

E. Quorum: A majority of the current Advisory Board members shall constitute a quorum. The Advisory Board may not take any action at any meeting at which a quorum is not present.

F. 1. Order of Business of Advisory Board meetings:

1. Call to order
2. Attendance
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of the Minutes
5. Public Comment
6. Communications and Reports
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
9. Public Comment
10. Adjournment

2. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, all meetings and actions of the Advisory Board shall generally be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

H. Voting

1. Every member who shall be present when a question is last stated by the Chair, and no other, shall vote for or against the same, unless the member is immediately, financially interested in the question. The Chairperson must vote on all questions unless the above exception is present, or if his/her decision on the immediate question is appealed by another member.

2. Conflict of interest: An Advisory Board member of the agency represented by that member shall not benefit financially from Board membership. If a Board member or his/her agency is being considered for a contract or other funding by the Board, that member must declare that he/she is in conflict of interest. That member may not participate in discussions or voting concerning that contract of funding decision about which there is a conflict of interest. However, that member may be available to the Board to answer questions that may be raised by other Board members.

3. Cancellation of Meetings: When, due to adverse weather conditions, or by reason of other emergency, there is little prospect of having a quorum of Advisory Board membership present for a scheduled meeting of the Board, the Chairperson, or, in his/her absence, the Vice-Chairperson, following a poll of the membership on the day of such meetings to determine likelihood of such attendance, may elect to cancel such scheduled meeting by telephone and/or electronic message to the membership before 10:00am, on the previous day of the meeting.

VI. Committees

A. Adhoc: The Chairperson of the Advisory Board will appoint adhoc committees to carry out specified tasks. These tasks will be recommended by vote of the Advisory Board.

B. Committee of the Whole: The Chairperson of the Advisory Board may convene, or designate another Board member to convene, a meeting of the committee of the whole in order to conduct a public hearing or discuss issues of relevance to the planning board. When meeting as a committee of the whole, the Advisory Board is strictly prohibited from taking any formal final action on any business then before the Board.

C. Other Appointments: When permitted by state statute and the procedural rules of other organizations, the Chairperson shall be empowered to designate an alternate for her/himself on a temporary basis when the Chairperson is functioning as a member of a Board, commission, or committee by virtue of holding the office of Chairperson of the Advisory Board.

VII. Headquarters

The headquarters of the Advisory Board shall be in the offices assigned to the Advisory Board by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners. All contracts, meeting minutes, plans and grant related materials shall be filed with the County Clerk.

VIII. Action in the Name of the Advisory Board

A. No member of the Advisory Board shall have the power to bind the Advisory Board, nor act in its behalf, nor use its name, unless official sanction is granted by the Advisory Board at the duly called regular or special meeting.

B. All authorizations for the expenditure of funds or resolutions obligating the Advisory Board financially shall be approved and submitted by the Advisory Board to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners. Expenditures will be limited to the annually adopted budget.

C. Once the Advisory Board has been informed that a public hearing has been called, members of the Advisory Board shall not publicly discuss the subject material prior to the designated public hearing.

IX. Amendments to By-Laws

A. These by-laws may be amended subject to approval of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners only by a majority vote of the entire Advisory Board at any regular meeting of the Commission, provided that the amendment does not conflict with the authority granted the Advisory Board by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners' Resolution establishing the Advisory Board dated July 18, 1989, and provided further that the amendment has been submitted in writing and placed on the agenda for at least one prior regular meeting of the Commission.

X. Effective Date

These by-laws shall take effect immediately on passage by a quorum of the membership of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

Approved by the Marquette County Community Corrections Advisory Board: **Wednesday, May 27, 2026**

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Lowell Larson, CCAB Chairperson Date

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Ryan Grim, CCAB Vice-Chairperson Date

Approved by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners: **Tuesday, August 18, 2026**

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Joseph Derocha, MCBC Chair Date

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Bill Nordeen, MCBC Vice-Chair Date

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LINDA K. TALSMA
County Clerk
Cory Beth Grigg
Deputy County Clerk

August 10, 2026

TO: **Marquette County Board of Commissioners**

FROM: **Linda Talsma, Marquette County Clerk**

RE: **Marq-Tran Authority**

Commissioners,

MARQUETTE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
This is an eleven-member body responsible for governing the County-wide transportation system through its Director. Four of its members are nominated by the Township Association, and the rest are nominated by their respective City Councils with four from Marquette, two from Ishpeming, and one from Negaunee. There must be two nominees per vacancy from which the County Board appoints members to a 3-year term.

One Vacancy – Partial Term expiring 12-31-2027

Attached application received by our office:

- **Linda Winslow, Marquette Charter Township (MTA Appointment)**

Recommendation: A motion would be in order to appoint Linda Winslow to the partial term ending 12-31-2027 to Marq-Tran Authority.

Sincerely,
Linda K. Talsma
Marquette County Clerk

Linda Talsma - MCTA Recommendation on Marqtran Appointment

From: Jim Nankervis <Supervisor@ishpemingtownship.com>
To: Cory Beth Grigg <cgrigg@mqtco.org>, Linda Talsma <ltalsma@mqtco.org>
Date: 8/10/2026 8:31 AM
Subject: MCTA Recommendation on Marqtran Appointment
Cc: Wells Township <clerk.wellstownship@gmail.com>, Kristin Thornton <kthorn...

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Linda and Cory
Marquette County Township Association recommendation for the vacant position on the Marqtran Board is Linda Winslow Trustee on the Marquette Township Board.

Jim Nankervis P.E.
Ishpeming Township Supervisor
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Memorandum

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Date: August 12, 2026

To: Duane DuRay, County Administrator

CC: Kamila Fassbender, Finance Manager

David Erhart, Airport Manager

From: Marissa Aschemann, FBO Interim General Manager

Re: Aircraft Deicing Truck Recommendation

BACKGROUND

In preparation for Marquette County's assumption of fixed-base operator (FBO) services at Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport, the Airport issued an initial request for proposals (RFP) on July 10, 2026, for the purchase and delivery of one new or used aircraft deicing truck. Bids were due and publicly scheduled to be opened on July 29, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. EDT. No bids were received by the submission deadline; therefore, no award was made under the initial request for bids.

To continue procurement planning after no bids were received through the initial RFP, Airport staff contacted industry vendors directly and obtained quotations from three vendors covering five equipment configurations. Staff reviewed the quotations for compliance with the Airport's operational requirements, including Type I deicing and Type IV anti-icing capability, heated Type I application, suitable working height, operator protection, diesel power, delivery timeframe, equipment condition, and overall cost.

QUOTATION SUMMARY

Ground Support Specialist, LLC - Horn Lake, Mississippi

- Quote 26-0806U: One refurbished 1999-2002 FMC LMD aircraft deicing truck; equipment price of $79,500.00; confirmed delivery fee of $6,000.00 to Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport; total delivered price of $85,500.00; estimated availability of 8-10 weeks after receipt of order, subject to prior sale.
- Fluid system: heated Type I fluid maintained at an application temperature of 165-180 degrees Fahrenheit with over-temperature protection; 1,400-gallon Type I tank and 600-gallon Type IV tank; approximately 1,000 pump hours and 1,300 heater hours.
- Operational configuration: 42-foot maximum working height; heated enclosed basket;
- Condition and support: good overall condition with no reported accidents or major repairs; at least three years of available maintenance records; manuals and equipment documentation; up to eight hours of onsite training; and a 90-day warranty from delivery.

GlobalGSE

- One refurbished 1994 FMC Trump 2000 aircraft deicing truck; equipment price of $65,000; Type I only fluid tank; 41' max basket height; 2,000-gallon capacity; open basket.

Legacy GSE LLC

- FMC LMD2000 Late Model De-Icer Remanufactured JBT 2011 for $65,650; 1996 chassis, 1600 gal Type I and 400 gallon Type IV capacities, no specific information on engine or pump hours, no training listed, no delivery information listed

Polar Aircraft Deicer

- Arctic Fox towable unit: $162,950.00 base price; 500-gallon Type I/160-gallon Type IV capacity; 34-foot working height. Arctic Wolf truck-mounted unit: $239,426.00 base price; 660-gallon Type I/264-gallon Type IV capacity; 36-foot working height. Prices exclude selected options, transportation, customs, taxes, tariffs, shipping, and related costs.

AERO Specialties

- GSS Hawk 800: $298,250.00 quoted total, including $7,000.00 estimated shipping; 600-gallon Type I and 200-gallon Type IV capacity; 28-week lead time.
- GSS 1400 Osprey: $490,750.00 quoted total, including $7,000.00 estimated shipping; 1,200-gallon Type I and 200-gallon Type IV capacity; 35-foot maximum working height; 28-week lead time.

Following review of the available equipment, staff determined that the refurbished FMC LMD offered under Ground Support Specialist, LLC Quote 26-0806U meets the Airport's minimum operational specifications and provides the best overall value. It offers one of the lowest acquisition prices, the largest quoted Type I and Type IV fluid capacities, and a delivery timeframe that best supports the County's planned operational transition. The unit's refurbished condition, documented maintenance history, included onsite training, and 90-day warranty also provide a practical balance between capability, availability, support, and cost. Although staff reviewed other refurbished units, none provided as detailed information on truck specifications and history, and no other listing provided training

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends authorizing the purchase of one refurbished FMC LMD aircraft deicing truck from Ground Support Specialist, LLC, under Quote 26-0806U, for an amount not to exceed $85,500.00, including the $79,500.00 equipment price and the confirmed $6,000.00 delivery fee.

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ACTION ITEM REQUEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING DATE:	**AUGUST 13, 2026**
SUBMITTED BY/DEPARTMENT:	Duane DuRay, Administrator
AGENDA ITEM:	Central Square Interim Use subscription
FINANCIAL IMPACT ON BUDGET:	$35,306.11

BACKGROUND

On February 3, 2026, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners approved authorization for the Marquette County Central Dispatch Director to begin contractual discussions and develop proposed contract language with Motorola Solutions for our 911 Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) operations.

As those discussions and the CAD replacement process continue, additional steps are necessary to ensure that Marquette County maintains the products and services required to continue operating its existing 911 CAD system until the replacement system is developed, tested, and implemented.

Marquette County currently operates its CAD system through Central Square in partnership with the other six counties within the UP 911 Authority: Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Iron, and Menominee.

The UP 911 Authority and Marquette County are proceeding with plans to transition away from the current Central Square CAD platform. Marquette County intends to transition to Motorola Solutions, with an estimated 12-month system development and implementation period. The remaining six UP 911 Authority counties are proceeding with Tyler Technologies, with a changeover currently estimated for May 2027.

To ensure uninterrupted operation of the existing CAD system during this transition, the UP 911 Authority will confirm with Central Square the continuation of CAD support services for an additional 12-month period. Based upon the current transition schedule, the UP 911 Authority anticipates that the additional Central Square support will be required jointly by the participating counties for approximately nine months. The cost of that initial nine-month period can therefore be shared among Alger, Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Iron, Menominee, and Marquette counties.

Following the anticipated transition of the other six counties, Marquette County will continue to require Central Square support for an estimated additional three months while its Motorola Solutions CAD system completes development and implementation. The estimated cost to Marquette County for this remaining three-month period is $35,306.11.

Maintaining this support is necessary to provide continuity of CAD operations and avoid a lapse in critical dispatch services while the replacement system is being developed, tested, and brought online.

Funding will be identified through the Central Dispatch budget and/or another appropriate funding source as determined by the County Administrator and Finance Department.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the Marquette County Administrator to provide confirmation to the UP 911 Authority that Marquette County accepts responsibility for the estimated remaining three months of Central Square CAD support at a cost of $35,306.11, subject to adjustment if there is a delay in the development, testing, or implementation of the replacement CAD system that requires Central Square support to continue beyond the anticipated three-month period.

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ACTION ITEM REQUEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING DATE:	**AUGUST 13, 2026**
SUBMITTED BY/DEPARTMENT:	Duane DuRay, Administrator
AGENDA ITEM:	IT Server Upgrades with Licenses
FINANCIAL IMPACT ON BUDGET:	$200,000 – $250,000

BACKGROUND

As the Board is aware, the Marquette County Information Technology (IT) Department is undergoing changes and implementing upgrades intended to better serve the County and its residents. Marquette County has engaged Karhu Cyber to assist the County with various components of its IT operations.

As the IT Department has been evaluating and addressing current system needs, the County's system storage infrastructure has been identified as an area requiring significant upgrades. Over the past several months, the County has experienced technical difficulties that have had countywide impacts.

Following a thorough and in-depth investigation of the system, it was determined that several components of the existing storage infrastructure will need to be replaced in order to correct the ongoing issues and improve system reliability.

The cost of the necessary repairs and replacement components is continuing to be evaluated. At this time, staff estimates the total cost to be between $200,000 and $250,000.

Due to the nature of the repairs and the need to minimize further impacts to the County's overall IT network, staff is requesting Board preapproval to proceed with the necessary expenditures. Preapproval will allow staff to move forward with the purchase and installation of the required components as quickly as possible and limit the amount of time between procurement and installation.

Staff will continue to keep the Board apprised of the project's progress, costs, and implementation.

The expenditure is estimated to be between $200,000 and $250,000 and will be funded from the Reserve for Special Appropriations.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize staff to proceed with the necessary purchases and expenditures to replace the identified system storage components, in an amount not to exceed $250,000, with funding from the Reserve for Special

Appropriations, in order to address the ongoing technical issues and minimize further impacts to the County's IT network.

Staff will continue to provide updates to the Board regarding the project, including final costs and implementation.

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Memorandum

Date: August 14, 2026

To: Marquette County Board of Commissioners

From: Duane R. DuRay, County Administrator

Re: K.I. Sawyer Water Department Drinking Water Project USDA Payment Request

Background

Staff is requesting County Board approval for the sixth drawdown in the amount of $339,260.07 from USDA loan funding. This request reflects Pay Application No. 13 submitted by Smith Construction. Staff has reviewed all submitted materials for consistency with the approved project scope, contractual requirements, and eligible project costs under the USDA funding provisions. Supporting pay applications, invoices, and related documentation are attached for Board review and consideration.

If approved, the requested drawdown will cover the following project expenses:

- Smith Construction — Construction Costs: $339,260.07
- Total Draw Request: $339,260.07

Approval of this drawdown will reimburse documented project expenditures incurred to date and determined by staff to be consistent with project progress. This represents the sixth USDA loan draw request associated with the project. Additional draw requests are anticipated as construction activities continue toward project completion and will be submitted for review in accordance with established County approval processes. Supporting documentation is attached for review and consideration.

Recommendation

Approve the sixth USDA loan drawdown in the amount of **$339,260.07** to reimburse eligible construction costs associated with Smith Construction Pay Application No. 13.

Marquette County
Meeting Action
KI Sawyer Water System Improvements Project
Sixth Draw

SUBJECT: **Approval of Payments to Smith Construction, Inc. and GEI Consultants**

It was moved by _____
and
seconded by _____

that the attached invoices be accepted and the County proceed with paying Smith Construction, Inc. $339,260.07.

County Board Member:

Karl Numinen	_____AYE	_____NAY	_____ABSENT
Joseph Derocha	_____AYE	_____NAY	_____ABSENT
Fred Benzie	_____AYE	_____NAY	_____ABSENT
Dana LaLonde	_____AYE	_____NAY	_____ABSENT
Bill Nordeen	_____AYE	_____NAY	_____ABSENT
Karen Alholm	_____AYE	_____NAY	_____ABSENT

BY:

_____
Linda Talsma, Clerk
DATE: August 18, 2026

USDA-RD
Form RD 440-11
(Rev.10-00)

ESTIMATE OF FUNDS NEEDED FOR 30-Day Period Commencing

Sixth Draw

FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 0575-0015

Name of Borrower: Marquette County - KI Sawyer Water System Improvements

Items	Amount of Funds
Development	$ 339,260.07
Contract or Job No. Smith Const	
Contract or Job No.	
Contract or Job No.	
Land and Rights-of-Way	
Legal Services	
Engineering Fees	
Interest	
Equipment	
Contingencies	
Refinancing	
Initial O & M	
Other	
TOTAL	$ 339,260.07

Prepared by: Marquette County
Name of Borrower

By: _____

Date: 8/18/26

Approved by: _____

Date: _____

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