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Subject: Re: Draft Ely Township Master Plan

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https://cuppad.org/ely-township-master-plan-public-review-and-comment/

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Please join us for the
formal dedication of the

Barnes-Hecker Memorial Park

Nearly one hundred years after Michigan's deadliest industrial disaster, we gather to dedicate this hallowed ground, honor the 51 men who perished, and support the families who carried their memory forward.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026
AT 11:00 AM

Barnes-Hecker Mine Site,
Ely Township, Michigan

Your presence means a great deal as we unite in solemn tribute and historical healing.

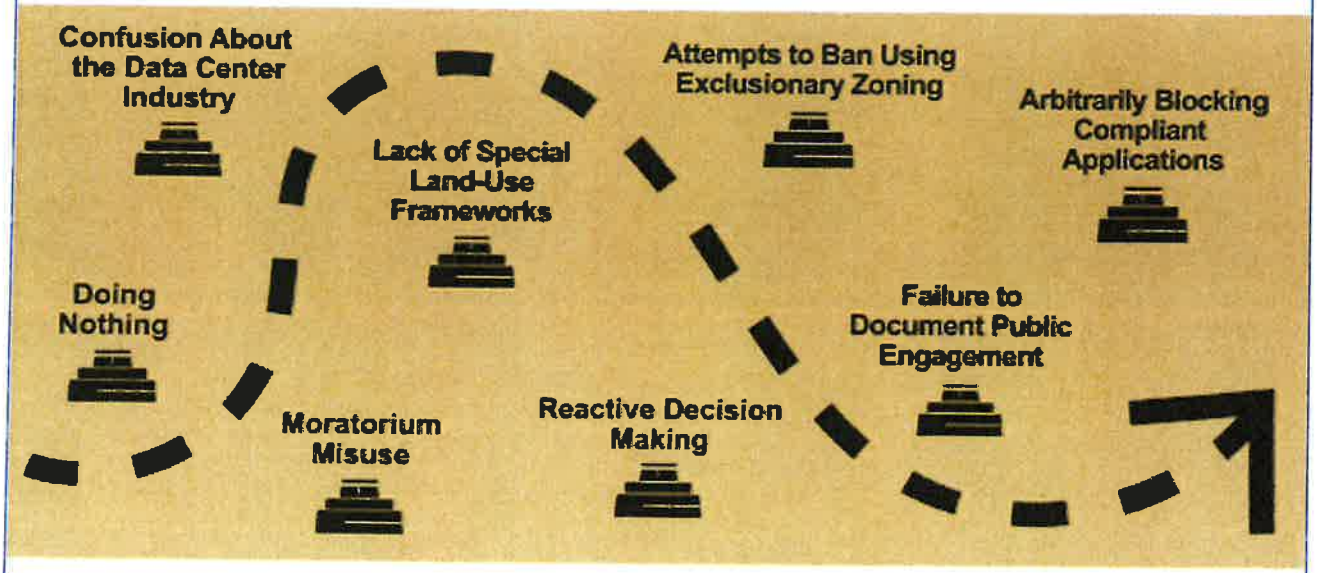


Jamie Campbell

From: Michigan Township Participating Plan <theparplan@tmhcc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 8:59 AM
To: Tilden Township
Subject: Reminder: Learn How to Navigate the Minefield of Data Centers

MI Par Plan

Register Now
Navigating the Minefield of Data Centers



Michigan Township Participating Plan Regional Seminars on Data Center Zoning

Michigan's tax exemptions are drawing data center developer interest into the

To help you understand the best practices for data center zoning, the Michigan Township Participating Plan

state with projects of unprecedented scale.

Zoning approval remains entirely local, but if you aren't prepared to navigate the minefield of issues associated with data center site applications, just one step in the wrong direction could have explosive consequences for your municipality.

(Par Plan) is hosting one-day seminars led by legal experts who will provide important information on how to:

- Adopt ordinances
- Apply Public Act 207
- Manage applications, concerns, and tax abatements
- And more!

There is no cost for Par Plan members to attend a seminar.
Registration is limited to municipal board and planning commission members.

Navigating the Minefield of Data Centers Seminar Dates and Locations

November 10
Marquette

November 11
Gaylord

November 17
Mt. Pleasant

November 18
Kalamazoo

Click Here to Register

Seminar Program

Space is limited so, municipal board and planning commission members are encouraged to register now. Par Plan members attend for free and receive priority seating.

Non-members may register and they will be placed on a waitlist. If there are seats available when registration closes, they will be notified and charged a non-refundable fee of $100 per person.

For questions about the data center zoning seminars or if you need assistance, please contact theparplan@tmhcc.com.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our seminars in November!

Jamie Campbell

From: Nicolaas Vermaat <nvermaat@mqtco.org>
Sent: Friday, October 2, 2026 10:16 AM
Subject: Upcoming Community Information Session on Data Centers
Attachments: Community Info Session Data Centers.pdf

Good Morning,

I am emailing to share an upcoming Community Information Session on Data Centers hosted by the Lake Superior Community Partnership. Please see the attached flyer for more details. Have a great Friday!

Best,

Nico Vermaat
Planner I
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COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION:

DATA CENTERS

UNDERSTAND THE BASICS, EXPLORE COMMUNITY IMPACTS & ASK QUESTIONS.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Join us for a neutral, information session on what communities should know about data centers and how to prepare if a project comes your way. Hear from experts, learn about potential benefits and challenges, and have the opportunity to ask questions.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

6:00–7:30 p.m.
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Peter White Public Library
Community Room, Basement Level

Free and open to the public.
Advance registration is required.
Space is limited.

Moderated by:

N★RTHERN MICHIGAN CHAMBER ALLIANCE

REGISTER ONLINE:
marquette.org
or scan here.

LAKE SUPERIOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

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Subject: Marquette County Land Bank Update
Attachments: Regular Meeting 10.6.2026.pdf

Hi all,

I wanted to share a win for our collective housing efforts, county, and the Land Bank. LB Board and Chair, Jackie and I drafted a letter outlining the body of work for the past two years, and made a request to the county Board of Commissioners this past month for the 2027 budget (attached - pgs 4,5). The request was approved as an increase in the allocation to support the Land Bank operations and we were recommended for the 2027 budget. This is great news as it allows LB staff and the LB Board to continue the momentum and not rely as heavily on grants to fund the day to day work.

We also have been awarded one of ten host sites statewide for the CEDAM AmeriCorps CED member this late fall for about a year thanks to Thyra and I teaming up and collaborating on future projects. This will help us hit the ground running in the new year. Highlights below:

- Advance the Land Bank's housing and property development pipeline by organizing priority properties, supporting rehabilitation and infill, coordinating predevelopment partners (Housing Now), and moving attainable and workforce housing projects toward implementation.
- Build county-wide development readiness by translating the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act, Redevelopment Ready Communities best practices, local incentives, and emerging funding into practical tools and opportunities for the County's rural cities and townships.
- Increase resilient community development at K.I. Sawyer and target communities, including implementation, and ongoing stewardship of the Silver Lead Creek Greenway and trail network, recreation and community programming, and stronger connections among residents, community assets, housing, and opportunities.

The county-wide Master Plan update is just about complete, and the report from the Planning Division is expected to be announced this fall, so its a great time to start planning for next year's projects and finish the year strong. We will not rest on our laurels and are also working with Natalie at LSCP, Sean Hobbins, Nate Heffron, and others that have pledged support to fundraise future dollars with Housing Now and benefit local units of government that wish to participate. I am also looking at creating local funding sources for gap financing as part of our 5-Yr strategic plan. I look forward to continuing to work with everyone on new projects. I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve you all on the Housing Now coalition and our county in any helpful capacity. Thank you again for your support!

Have a great weekend,

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MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 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 Special Meeting minutes held September 14, 2026
   - Approval Regular Meeting minutes held September 15, 2026
4. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARD:
   a. Glenn Adams Resolution
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 September 11, 2026 through October 1, 2026 were $1,163,739.09; biweekly payroll for the period ending September 12, 2026 was $1,553,390.97; & biweekly payroll for the period ending September 26, 2026 was $979,152.64.
7. PUBLIC HEARINGS
8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:
   a. Sheriff Department Stats for September 2026
9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
10. ACTION ITEMS:
    a. Discussion & Decision on Termination of Fixed Base Operator Limited Services Agreement, Lease Agreement, & all Attachments, Between Kubick Aviation Services, Inc & Marquette County
    b. Agreement with Mead & Hunt Exhibit A Property Inventory Map Update
    c. LSCP Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport Sub-Grant Update
    d. IT Equipment Upgrade & Update
11. LATE ADDITIONS:
    a.
12. PUBLIC COMMENT (Time limit 3 minutes per person)
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
14. CLOSED SESSION: MCL 15.268(1)(e) to consult with legal counsel regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation.
15. ADJOURNMENT

You are invited to a Zoom webinar!
When: Oct 6, 2026 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Marquette County Board Meeting 10-6-26
Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89054542505
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BUDGET WORK SESSIONS – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 – 1:00 P.M. –COMMISSIONERS ROOM 231, 234 W. BARAGA AVENUE, MARQUETTE, MI 49855.

1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON JOSEPH DEROCHA

Call to Order by Chairperson Joseph Derocha at 1:00 p.m. – Room 231 Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette.

- Salute to the Flag followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Present: Comm. Benzie, Comm. LaLonde, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm & Chairperson Derocha. Absent: Comm. Numinen

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (5-0)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairperson Derocha opened the meeting for public comment.

- **Leanna Pepin, 4H Coordinator,** provided the board with an update on the local school programs & day camps, along with other programs & projects. She also informed the board there has been a 23% membership increase in Marquette County.
- **Emily Varga,** requested the MSU extension funding be put back unto the budget.
- **Jeff Chiodi,** feels the 4H program is important for our community.
- **Adrianne Abbott, Senior Volunteer,** explained the importance of 4H to all children.
- **Diana Dost, Veternas Affairs Director,** expressed her budget concerns to the board.

There being no further comment, this portion of the meeting was closed.

5. ACTION ITEMS:

Chairperson Derocha thanked Kami & Duane for their efforts in putting the budget together. Then, all members of the board, & Administrator Duane DuRay, read the following into the record. ***The Recommended FY 2027 County of Marquette Budget is submitted for your review and consideration. The Recommended Budget is balanced and is responsive to Board policies and established priorities, and current expenditures are funded with recurring revenues, with minimal use of reserves only for specific purposes. The Recommended Budget maintains core services and satisfies the County's obligation to deliver services to the citizens of Marquette County. The recommended budget is a starting point. Board discussions and final adoption by the board will allocate limited resources to county needs.***

The Recommended 2027 General Fund budget is $32,568,253. It reflects a $1,225,642 increase, approximately 4.07% more than, the original 2026 budget. All staffing levels remain at their current levels, with a few exceptions as noted in the body of this memo.

The 2027 budget contingency line item is budgeted at $100,000. Even though the contingency fund has not been used for many years, we strongly recommend having some reserves available for unforeseen circumstances.

Efforts to establish a level payment with the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan (MERS) provided relief for Marquette County for many years. Recent actuarial valuations are requiring an annual contribution exceeding the $3.7M minimum per our amortization extension agreement. In the past, the County has invested surplus funds with MERS and can draw upon them to fulfill these increased payments, however staff is recommending to preserve that surplus as much as possible for future years. As such, the 2027 budget does include a $3,452,856 total contribution to MERS (of which $167,028 is budgeted for in the Airport Fund, and $3,285,900 in General Fund). For comparison, FY 2026 required employer contribution amount to $3,460,404. Additionally, the Health Department's 2027 budget includes a required MERS contribution of $748,464, an increase of $24,900 from FY 2026 required employer contribution of $723,564. The Health Department currently has $400,000 surplus funds available associated with MERS Health Department divisions. The proposed FY 2027 budget uses $350,000 in order to keep the FY 2027 County appropriations at the same level as in FY 2026, $625,000.

The increases mentioned above and others are mainly funded by a projected increase in Ad Valorem tax revenue. The projected increase in taxable values for 2026, based on Equalization estimates is 3.81%. In Michigan, the millage rate reduction fraction is a formula that caps the growth of property tax revenues on

existing properties. It is mandated by the Headlee Amendment of 1978 and required local governments to reduce their millage rates if the total taxable value of existing property in their jurisdiction rises faster than the rate of inflation. In 2026, Marquette County millage rates were permanently reduced by .0085 mills, and by .0053 mills in 2025. A local government can reverse a Headlee rollback and restore its original millage rate to a previously authorized level, but only with voter approval through a "Headlee override" ballot measure.

Both Marquette County Transit Authority (Marq-Tran) and Marquette County Veterans Affairs were successful in August 2026 elections. Marq-Tran's proposition to levy .6 mill (.5887 renewal and .0113 new) for a period of six years, from 2027 through 2032, is estimated to generate $2.1M in tax revenues for their continued operations and capital purchases in FY 2027. Marquette County Veterans Affairs millage proposal for an additional .0500 mills for the years 2027 through 2035 is estimated to generate $170,000 in tax revenues in 2027 for the purpose of improving and expanding services for veterans, including outreach, access to benefits and health care, support for veterans facing mental health challenges, rural service delivery, transportation coordination, and countywide services.

The General Fund is also benefiting from the Marijuana tax which is estimated at $600,000 for 2027 based on what was collected in 2026, and an estimated closure of two retailers in Marquette County. Note that 2026 actual collections were $702,222, $184,0008 less than the peak year of 2024. Marquette County had thirteen retailers in fiscal year 2025. Effective January 1, 2026, House Bill 4951, the, Comprehensive Road Funding Tax Act, added a 24% wholesale excise tax to wholesale transfers and transactions to fund local road and bridge repairs in Michigan. The additional tax burden may lead to additional business closures and decreased marijuana tax revenues in future years. Marijuana tax revenues have provided an important source of funding for Marquette County, helping offset the increased out of county inmate detention costs and increased health services costs, which amount to approximately $400,000 and $520,000, respectively, in FY 2025, and are projected to exceed those figures in FY 2026.

Specific Ore tax is budgeted at $1,200,000. No budget transfer is needed from the General Fund for the airport in 2027 due to sufficient Airport reserves. While the increases in tax revenues and the elimination of the Airport subsidy are positive, it should be noted that prior to 2020 taxable values had been relatively flat and the County will likely not see the current increases over the long term. No funds have been budgeted for reductions to tax revenue due to tax tribunal orders.

STATE

The County's Recommended Budget does not include an increase in State Shared Revenues. The Michigan Legislature approved the FY 2027 state budget in early July, which included flat County revenue sharing for the second consecutive year, and Public Safety revenue sharing at the current level.

Revenue sharing is one of the two primary funding sources that local governments rely on to provide core services to their residents, and loss of it, or the lack of an increase, puts undue pressure on local governments to continue to identify funding sources to provide core services to their citizens.

The proposed budget reflects $161,478 from the State for Secondary Road Patrol funding, which is a one-time increase of $26,863 from 2026. Secondary Road Patrol saw increases the past three years, 2023-2025, which have assisted with funding this operation. In 2027, the net cost is projected at $60,706, a decrease from FY 2026 estimate net cost of $82,233.

The proposed 2027 Public Defender's budget is awaiting approval by the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC). The State did not revise the cost share formula, and the County's 2027 budget includes the required minimum contribution of $229,696, which is $1,349 lower than 2026. However, the MIDC is proposing a deep cut from the FY 27 requested funding of $3,489,507 to FY 27 recommended funding of $2,916,777. The decision is based on the projected spending for FY 26, and changes to the MIDC grant manual revised in February 2026. The recommended budget of $2,935,729 has been proposed to MIDC in late August, and is pending their approval at the September Commission meeting.

MARQUETTE COUNTY

As it has been noted each year, it is important to remember where County funds are spent. In Marquette County, approximately 75% of the county budget is for services required, or mandated, by state law or rule. About half of the expense to carry out these mandates is funded by state revenues. A solid fiscal foundation is essential

to Marquette County's ability to provide services whether they are locally-determined priorities or state-mandated services. The responsibility for funding services falls at the local level.

CARES Act funding has created reserves in the Airport fund that will allow for the offset of operational losses at the Airport for several years into the future. The budgeted loss for the Airport for 2027 which is covered by these reserves is $213,339. This includes a $387,669 payment to the General Fund for indirect costs. It remains critical that the Airport retain its current tenant base and monitor operating costs in an effort to reduce the operating loss each year and preserve the reserves as long as possible.

For 2027, the County will not be required to have the services of a Level IV Equalization Director. The proposed budget does not include funding for a Level IV contract position.

The County should balance current expenditures with current revenues. The 2027 recommended budget achieves this goal with the exception of a use of reserves on a limited basis.

Included in the General Fund budget request is a use of building codes reserves of $347,769, due to the loss of mechanical and plumbing permit revenues. The use of reserves would bring the balance down to FY 2022 level. County General Fund reserves remain healthy and exceed the levels recommended by County auditors.

Several other funds also include a budgeted use of reserves: 235 P.A. Forfeiture Fund, 243 Brownfield Redevelopment Fund, 273 Central Dispatch Fund, 284 Opioid Settlement Fund, 287 Community Development Fund, 292 Child Care Fund, 445 Public Improvement Fund, 508 Parks Fund, 516 Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund, 541 Forestry Fund, 581 Airport Fund, 590 Sewer Fund, and 650 Technology Fund.

This list previously included the Health Department fund. The projected use of fund equity of $240,500 in FY 2026, and the use of $350,000 or MERS surplus assets to meet the required employer minimum contribution for FY 2027, while keeping the transfer from General fund at the same level as in 2025 and 2026, $625,000, leaves the Health Department with $0 in reserves. Please see further discussion of the Health Department under Human Services paragraph.

The Brownfield Redevelopment Fund includes a use of equity of $13,000.

The Central Dispatch Fund includes a use of fund equity of $74,643.

The Community Development Fund includes a use of fund equity of $7,648.

The Opioid Settlement Fund includes a use of fund equity of $60,000.

The Child Care Fund includes a use of fund equity of $63,585. Child placements expenditures have varied from $86,000 in 2025 to a peak of $445,000 in both 2016 and 2020. Probate child care is a mandated service and the unpredictability of these costs places considerable pressure on County appropriations.

The Public Improvement Fund includes a use of reserves of $72,000 to fund recommended capital improvement projects in excess of the annual $200,000 allocation, as discussed later in the memo.

The Parks fund includes a use of reserves of $14,500 for staffing, branding, programming and maintenance of the Little Trout Lake Park and Silver Lead Creek pathway, funded by a donation received in 2025.

The Foreclosure fund includes a use of fund equity of $135,000, due to a $100,000 increase in a transfer to General Fund, in support of the Land Bank Housing program. Please see the attached letter from Ms. Solomon, the Chair of Marquette County Land Bank Authority.

The Forestry fund has a budgeted use of reserves of $151,797 to cover capital projects and to cover the projected loss in the Parks fund related to Little Trout Lake, Sugarloaf and Big Bay Harbor operations. An assignment of $130,000 in reserves is recommended for a grant match for Big Bay harbor septic replacement, which has an estimated cost of $256,400, and has been ranked #3 during the Capital Improvement Process due to the aging of the existing system. No additional uses of reserves are recommended in the near future, until the County realizes additional revenues from timber sales.

The Airport fund includes a use of CFC reserves of $41,500, and a use of fund equity of $213,339.

A budgeted use $333,397 from Sewer Fund reserves is planned to support $545,000 in capital projects which are itemized in the Recommended CIP section.

The Tech Fund includes a budgeted use of reserves of $135,879 to fund technological innovations to improve County's efficiencies and effectiveness, and to better County's overall strength and readiness to prevent, detect,

and respond to cyber threats across its networks, systems, and data. The FY 2027 use of reserves includes $33,500 in GIS infrastructure upgrade, as itemized in the Recommended CIP section.

STAFFING REQUEST

Over the last year, IT has struggled with rebuilding the department. To date, the rebuilding process has resulted in plans to establish a staff of four. Working closely with Karhu, the goal is to transition away from contracted IT management and move toward an internally managed IT department.

Marquette County Prosecutor is requesting the addition of a 1 FTE prosecuting attorney at a cost of approximately $154,640 due to the work load and the number of dockets their office handles. The FY 2027 recommended budget does include the additional position. Please see the attached request.

Veterans Affairs department is requesting an addition of a 1FTE Veterans Benefits Counselor at a cost of approximately $100,000, funded by the additional millage approved in August 2026.

The additional staffing recommended for the 581 Airport Fund, compared to the original FY 2026 budget, will support fixed-base operator (FBO) services in FY 2027. The proposed staffing roster includes a general manager, customer service coordinator, five full-time line service technicians, and two part-time line service technicians. A full-time aircraft mechanic position is also being developed, with the intent to add the position as the need for onsite maintenance increases. In the interim, staff have arranged for on-call maintenance services through an outside vendor.

Since the departure of the Sawyer Director, management oversight of K.I. Sawyer's water and sewer operations has been provided directly by the County Administrator and the Water and Sewer Supervisor. Staff have been working to develop a Program Manager/Safety Coordinator position to provide dedicated management oversight and reduce the administrative responsibilities currently handled by the County Administrator. The recommended budget does not include funding for a Program Manager/Safety Coordinator position; however, staff recommend providing funding to support the creation of this position. In addition to providing program and safety oversight, the position would oversee water and sewer operations. This position is needed to restore dedicated management capacity that has remained vacant since the departure of the former Director of Sawyer Operations.

FEES

Fees across departments are continually monitored to determine when adjustments are necessary. The Sawyer Water Department is recommending an 10% rate increase for the Sewer, and a 3% increase for the Water rates. This increase is intended to address ongoing operational costs as well as long-term maintenance needs.

A fee increase is included in the budget for both Building Codes and Soil Erosion. The last time fees were increased was in 2026. The increase is planned over a three-year period 2025-2027. Please refer to the attached memo from Building Codes from September 3, 2024 for a detailed explanation of proposed fee increases.

The Recommended Budget includes a transfer of $785,000 from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (DTRF), which is an increase of $100,000 from the year prior:

Tax Collection Services	*$485,000*
Capital Improvement Program	*$200,000*
Land Bank Housing Program	*$100,000*

Historically, the fund generates approximately $700-800,000 annually above what is needed for tax payments to the cities, townships, and schools. Use of $785,000 will not require borrowing to maintain the DTRF.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM DEPARTMENT 2027 REQUESTS

The 2027 budget management work of the departments is significant in carrying out the directives of the county board. Each department has managed, and continues to manage, its budget in the new economic reality.

Marquette County follows the civil service model of compensation, which is highly structured, and includes different grades and steps within each grade, as opposed to the merit pay model, which is a pay-for-performance system.

The 2027 budget includes all negotiated wages increases for all unions, and non-represented employees. Marquette County Deputies Association contract is effective through June 30, 2027. AFSCME Local #2914, Airport Employees Teamsters Local #406, Central Dispatch Employees Dispatchers' Association, Marquette County Correctional Deputy Sheriff's Union, Marquette County Senior Officer's Association, and County Non-

Union Employees wages are governed by contracts and board action through December 31, 2027, which includes a three percent increase effective January 1, 2027.

As part of the State's FY 2027 budget, effective October 1, 2026, in accordance with Public Act 31 of 2016, judges will receive a three percent increase in their annual salary. The increase is the same as the pay increase paid to civil service nonexclusively represented employees classified as executives and administrators. The recommended FY 2027 accounts for this increase for the probate judge, per the attached memo dated August 26, 2026.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The 2027 budget does not expect to receive any state funding for recruits' training academy expenditures. In 2025, Marquette County received $42,466. Part-time personnel budget includes $15,500 for 1 cadet in FY 2027. $55,300 is set aside in reserves for special appropriations for the police academy sponsorship for new recruits as of December 31, 2025.

HUMAN SERVICES

The Health Department is facing a challenging future with losses in grant funding in FY 2026 and FY 2027, and rising legacy costs. There are no reserves expected at FY 2026 year-end to assist in balancing FY 2027 budgetary shortfall. The recommended Health Department maintenance of effort from the General Fund is recommended at $625,000 which is same as 2025 and 2026; a $25,000 increase from 2024 ($600,000), and $103,494 increase from years prior ($521,506). Overall, the FY 2027 department budget is $77,646 less than the original 2026 budget, and $140,896 less than the original budget in FY 2025. The total budget is $6,693,549. The Board of Health approved the Health Department budget at its August 26, 2026 meeting.

Per Patrick Jacuzzo, the Administrative Health Officer/Director of MCHD, "this was all achieved in consideration of rising expenses due to instituting wage increases as a result of the county wide wage study, expense increases due to rising employee benefit costs, and increasing costs of retiree health benefits. A one-time use of MERS retiree account reserves was also applied to balance the 2027 budget. County contributions in 2027 will be only 9.34% of the overall revenue for MCHD, and only $103,494 above the county allocation made in 1993 ($521,506). When accounting for inflation, $521,000 in today's dollars is equivalent to $1,300,000. These facts, when taken together, support that MCHD has demonstrated excellent fiscal responsibility regarding cost and budget control."

The Health Department continues to analyze its programming to ensure long term sustainability amidst considerable cost challenges. Mr. Jacuzzo, under the directive of the Marquette County Board of Health, is seeking additional financial support from Marquette County reserves to cover the excessive retiree legacy cost burden, which currently comprise 72% of the total administrative overhead cost of Marquette County Health Department (MCHD). Please see the attached letter from Mr. Jacuzzo, and the budget projections for FY 2028 - FY 2030 highlighting the estimated necessary General Fund contributions for continued operations, ranging from $912,000 to $1,461,813 annually under 3 scenarios.

The Veterans Affairs recommended budget is $586,329 for current services and programs. The 2027 budget includes a recommended transfer of $10,000 from the General Fund with $20,000 from the Veterans Affairs Budget for the Soldier Sailor Relief Fund.

The Aging Services recommended budget is $1,998,391 for current services and programs in 2027. Recommended allocations are for the four area Senior Centers, Meals on Wheels, RSVP's Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, and the Marquette Adult Day Services Program. Anticipated ad valorem tax revenue for 2027 is $1,500,000. The 2027 budget includes 3.81% increase in millage allocations to service providers, and a distribution of reserves which was approved by the board in August 2024.

The Opioid Fund has budgeted expenditures of $300,000 in 2027. Settlement revenues to date total just over $1.5 million. The following use of funds are recommended in the 2027 budget:

- *$100,000 Substance Screening program, including part-time screeners and supplies, and .5FTE substance screening manager, a position shared with Community Corrections*
- *$100,000 Medication-Assisted Treatment, an evidence-based approach that combines FDA-approved medications with counseling and behavioral therapies to treat substance use disorders, including opioid dependence, in Marquette County jail*

- *$100,000 additional, including $65,000 for .5FTE Health Educator position at MCHD and related program expenses*

For the 2027 budget, Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) has requested an approximately 14.3% increase over the 2026 agreement. The current budget does not include funding for the MSUE contract due to insufficient current revenues to support existing expenditures within Marquette County General Fund operations. The County will continue to provide office space and related utilities and services, including internet and telephone service, with a total budgeted cost of $3,600.

ADMINISTRATION

The Human Resources Department budget includes $10,000 for employee training, a decrease from $20,000 in 2026. A Training Needs Assessment was completed in 2023 as a result of the "Employer of Choice" strategic priority in the County's Strategic Plan. Overall, approximately $225,000 is budgeted for continuing professional education among County's various funds and departments.

SAWYER

Airport operating expenses, not including the FBO operations, for 2027 are budgeted at $3,300,485, representing a .74% increase over the 2026 original budget projections. $4,760,749 is budgeted for FY 2027 for FBO operations. Operating revenues are budgeted at $2,811,946, plus an additional $5,035,949 from FBO operations. Past revenue declines were driven by reductions in flights and tenant activity. While only modest growth is anticipated in lease revenues, revenue from additional flights and parking permits is projected to rise by 20% in 2026, supported by improved marketing efforts and air carrier recruitment. To offset the operating deficit, the Airport anticipates using $213,339 in reserves. Despite these challenges, Airport staff remain committed to achieving long-term financial self-sufficiency.

CARES Act funding has bolstered Airport reserves which will assist in funding the operations of the airport for several years. No transfer from General Fund is budgeted for 2027. Staff will continue its efforts to develop operational efficiencies, seek new tenants, and other sources of revenue to create future sustainability.

The Sawyer Water Department is recommending a 10% rate increase for the Sewer department and a 3% increase for the Water Department. This increase is intended to address ongoing operational costs as well as long-term maintenance needs in line with the waste water asset management plan. There are separate enterprise budgets for the Water and Sewer Funds. The combined rate is 30.42 per 1,000 gallons, compared to $28.49 in 2026. Additionally, the Authorized Hauler Fees were adjusted in line with the 3% rate increase. All other rates and fees remain unchanged. A copy of the Water and Sewer Fee Schedule is in the budget binder. The Sewer Fund includes a $333,397 use of reserves to allow for $545,000 in capital projects including replacements of motors and pumps, lift station repairs, sewer line replacements, sludge drying bed repairs, aeration blower rebuilt, and a generator. In 2026, the Congress appropriated $1,370,000 to Marquette County for K.I. Sawyer Wastewater Treatment Plan Disinfection Upgrades. The funds have been set aside for Marquette County; however, the County must still apply for a grant to receive those funds. The cost of the project, and the appropriated funds are not included in FY 2027 recommended budget until the grant is awarded. The total cost of the project is $1,706,000, and requires a $336,000 local contribution.

CENTRAL DISPATCH

The estimated millage revenue, combined with the surcharge, is estimated to fall $24,643 short to cover the department's operating costs. The 2027 budget includes $264,000 in the service contracts line item to fund a required system upgrade that ensures continued radio and 911 phone operations. The current service contracts will be reviewed and if new agreements will be implemented as needed to support Central Dispatch. The estimated millage revenue, along with the surcharge, and reserves will cover the operations of the department. Marquette County continues to provide input and leadership in the U.P. 9-1-1 Authority. Marquette County *is looking to transition into a Motorola Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system. Marquette County will be independent from the UP 911 Authority that recently entered into a contractual agreement with Tyler Technologies. These project costs are not included in the recommended 2026 budget. The 2026 Recommended budget does include an increase of $79,000 in the service contracts line item for a required system upgrade to keep the radio and 911 phone traffic.*

FORECLOSURE FUND

The budget includes a $25,000 transfer to the Land Bank. The Land Bank Authority requested the transfer to provide funds for management of properties that will be transferred to the Authority. The Foreclosure Fund has sufficient reserves for the transfer, even while considering pending litigation.

While the future of the marijuana tax revenues and state funding to local governments is uncertain at this time, the Board and the Treasurer may consider increasing this annual transfer from the foreclosure fund to assist in elimination of blight in Marquette County.

FORESTRY AND PARKS FUNDS

The Forestry budget includes a use of fund equity of $181,518; $121,797 of which is to fund an overall deficit between the Parks and Forestry funds. The status of reserves is included in your binder. The Forestry Fund is (and has been) projected to be at a low point until at least 2027 before harvests begin to bring additional revenue to the fund. On April 15, 2025, the Board authorized up to $30,000 from the County Forestry Reserve Fund to be used for the Perkins Park Cottage rehabilitation. This funds for this project have been set aside in the Forestry fund in 2025, and the project is included in the budgeted transfer for 2027.

CHILD CARE FUND

The 2027 budget includes a general fund transfer of $380,000 to the probate child care fund, which is the same as 2026 original budget. Child Care fund expenses are volatile and difficult to budget for. However, recent legislation increased the State's reimbursement from 50% to 75% for in-home expenses which has allowed for some stability in General Fund support. Budgeted transfer from General fund in 2025 was $380,000, while the actual transfer amount was $274,000, a difference of $106,000.

Still, maintaining a healthy reserve in the Child Care fund is important. Currently, reserves are at $549,824 with a budgeted use of reserves of $124,857 in 2026, and budgeted use of reserves of $63,585 in 2027, estimating the reserve balance to be $361,382 at the end of 2027.

NON-COUNTY AGENCIES

The 2027 recommended budget includes a total of $51,000 for economic development. The following is a suggested distribution of the funding: $45,000 for a contract with the Lake Superior Community Partnership, $5,000 for the LSCP EDC, and 1,000 for the County's contractual contribution to the Superior Trade Zone.

Marquette County Conservation District has requested FY 2027 budget assistance of $75,000, as a result of federal funding cuts to conservation programs, to be used for District Operations. This request is not included in the recommended budget. The Board may decide to reallocate support to non-county agencies at their discretion, to be funded from the unrestricted reserves, not current operating revenues.

PERSONNEL AND POST-EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES

As a service organization, the County's major expense is personnel. The 2027 budget assumes a total compensation approach that is sufficient and sustainable based on current County revenues. Compensation for most County employees is set through the collective bargaining process. The County completed negotiations with all unions (with the exception of Road Patrol) in the winter of 2025.

The 2027 budget includes implementation of all negotiated wages & benefit increases.

The 2027 budget continues to reflect the ongoing cost increases for employee and retiree health insurance. The increase to the PA 152 health insurance caps for 2027 is 3.0%. With the County continuing to use the Hard Cap under PA 152, it is expecting only a slight increase in cost to the General Fund. Employees will experience an increase in their 2027 Health Insurance cost sharing. The Pool will announce the insurance rates at their annual meeting on September 9. Governor vetoed HB 6058, which would have increased the capped contribution and related inflation adjustment, and would require employers to pay for at least 80% of employees' health insurance costs; however, Michigan Senate reintroduced a bill on public employer contribution to medical benefit plans (Senate Bill 1136 of 2026). Staff recommends continuation of using Hard Caps under PA 152, which provides a predictable framework and helps control costs We continue to monitor the pending legislation and health care costs, and continue to evaluate plans available to employees.

The move to the Humana supplemental insurance for the over-age 65 retirees in 2025 has significantly reduced the County's cost for retiree health insurance. The budget includes a rate decrease of 10% for 2027 for over-age 65, which is however offset by an estimated double digit increase in WMHIP rates for under 65, to be formally

announced in mid-September. For FY 2027, the recommended budget estimates a total cost of $2,060,000 for Marquette County retirees hospital/dental/vision expenditures.

The State of Michigan implemented new guidelines in 2018 that require specific standards for unfunded pension and health care liability reform. The proposed 2027 budget does not include a transfer to the recently created OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) Trust. The balance in the OPEB Trust is just over $14,006,000. Marquette County's total OPEB liability as of December 31, 2025 was $30,405,357, which brings the funded percentage to approximately 46%. Underfunded status under PA 202 of 2017 is triggered if the OPEB is less than 40% funded AND the actuarially determined contribution exceeds 12% of governmental fund revenues. Marquette County made an additional contribution to the OPEB trust fund in both 2024 and 2025, and the Board should consider doing the same in 2026 and 2027. The investment earnings in the OPEB trust fund may help offset the increased benefits payments in the future, and help alleviate the budgetary constraints on both, the General Fund, and the Health Department fund.

In 2020, The Board entered into an Amortization Extension Agreement with MERS that allowed for a level payment and more budget stability for the County as it relates to its pension obligations. The proposed 2026 budget includes a county payment of $3,452,856 to MERS, in addition to the Health Department's required payment of $748,464, for a combined total of $4,201,320 in 2027.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Detailed information on the Public Improvement/Capital Improvement Program, can be found in the Recommended CIP section in your budget binder. The 2027 Capital Improvement Program, excluding enterprise funds, is $486,063.

Technology is a priority of the Management Team. The 2027 CIP includes $200,000 for computer replacements and enhancements, including a GIS infrastructure upgrade.

To maintain services, two vehicle replacements are recommended: one vehicle for Road Patrol funded by the Public Improvement Fund, and a jail transport van for the Rehabilitation department funded by the Public Improvement Fund.

PROJECTIONS UPDATE

State of Michigan approved FY 2027 state budget on July 3, 2026. County revenue sharing remains flat for the second consecutive year, and Public Safety Revenue Sharing funding remains at the current level. The continuation of flat revenue-sharing funding requires a conservative approach to the FY 2027 budget and a cautious outlook for future years, as this funding trend may continue to limit revenue growth and place additional pressure on county resources.

The County continues to invest significant resources in technology upgrades, including the transition to a cloud-based ERP system and enhancements to its cybersecurity posture. Technology increasingly impacts every aspect of County operations, and we anticipate continued changes and investments as technology and cybersecurity become increasingly integrated across departments and service areas. These ongoing advancements will require the County to remain proactive in addressing technology, security, and operational needs.

The County needs to take a more comprehensive approach to addressing several long-term facility and operational needs. Overall facility preservation must remain a priority, addressing not only the exterior of County buildings but also infrastructure needs, also to including the preservation and care of historic furnishings and features. Parking constraints remains a significant concern with ongoing pressures in and around the Courthouse facilities. In addition, space needs are resurfacing across several departments and will require further evaluation and long-term planning.

The Jail facilities continue to require focused attention and direction to address ongoing capacity needs. The cost of housing inmates in other counties due to overcrowding is not a sustainable long-term solution. The detention center currently leased from the State of Michigan should also be thoroughly evaluated as a potential alternative for addressing the County's current capacity constraints. The need for a long-term plan will need to remain a critical path to correct this situation.

Long-range financial planning should consider the potential impacts of the loss or reduction of major taxpayers, the idled Empire Mine, ongoing Tax Tribunal challenges, and the County's long-term obligations

related to retiree defined benefit pensions and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). These factors may have a significant impact on future revenues and expenditures and should be incorporated into the County's long-term financial outlook and fiscal planning.

While the Recommended FY 2027 Budget balanced current needs with preparation for the future, the Board of Commissioners may determine that adjustments to the recommendations are appropriate based on its priorities, policy objectives, and assessment of the County's long-term financial position.

MORE DETAIL

Line-item detail for each department and most funds, including 2025 actual revenue and expenditures, 2026 budgeted revenues and expenditures, department requests for 2027, and the 2027 recommendations, can be found in your binder. The budget binders include the line-item detail by department and program, financial projections, capital improvement program requests and recommendations, as well as several miscellaneous items.

The 2027 Recommended Budget complies with the provisions of Act 621 of the Public Acts of 1978. The 2027 budget process was cooperative and participatory with elected officials, department directors, and program managers. The 2027 Recommended Budget would not be balanced without the reasonable budget requests and cooperation from the departments. Kayleigh St Martin and Brett Hubbard-Stade's work in organizing and preparing the Recommended Budget is greatly appreciated.

**Chairperson Derocha stated the budget was thorough and well done then opened up for comments from Department Heads and Elected Officials that sent letters requesting funding adjustments.*

**Commissioners reviewed each budget item per department and discussed needs and options going forward.*

***Chairperson Derocha** stated overall a good budget and commended Kami & Duane & Staff on the FY 2027 Budget Recommendations along with all the Department Heads & Elected Officials for their input.

6. **LATE ADDITION: None.**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
   - **Lowell Larson, Mqt Co Undersheriff,** commented that there was an inaccuracy in the document regarding exploring the detention center on housing inmates, as that information did not come from the Sheriff's Office. Stated it is not a viable option. Also, stated the estimate on boarding out inmates is closer to $400,000.
   - **Jeff Chiodi, Conservation District Chair,** thanked the board for providing the MSU Extension with funding, and explained the volume of economic activity generated when the funding is available for the program, as well as the Conservation District.
   - **Erin Danes, MSU Extension,** thanked the board for working with them.
8. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: None**
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the County Board, Comm. LaLonde moved to adjourn, second by Comm. Alholm. Motion approved (5-0) and the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:55 p.m.

Cory Beth Grigg,
Marquette County Deputy Clerk

Joseph Derocha, Chairperson County Board
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

REGULAR MEETING –SEPTEMBER 15, 2026 – 6:00 P.M. – COMMISSIONERS ROOM 231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855.

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

Board action: Comm. Benzie moved to approve the agenda with the following additions: 9a) MACC Board of Directors Packet; and 11a) Marquette County 911 CAD System Discussion. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (6-0)

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes held on September 1, 2026. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (5-0) Abstained: Comm. Numinen

4. **PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND AWARDS**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
   - **Margaret Brumm, Marquette,** informed the commissioners that her students will be reading the Constitution at the dome, & invited everyone to attend.
   - **Natalie Chmiko, LSCP CEO,** thanked the board for their support.
   - **Jeff Chiodi, Mqt Co. Conservation Dist. Chair,** requested $75,000 in support from the Co. for FY 2027.
   - **Gary Johnson, Mqt,** explained the history of the UP 911 Authority, getting grants, & how participating counties using the same operating systems has been successful.
   - **Kristie Buruse, Mqt,** requested the board reconsider the CAD system chosen.
   - **Lowell Larson, Mqt Co. Undersheriff,** spoke about the importance of good leadership with a comparison to a dog sled team and musher.
   - **Joy Bolton, Mqt Co. Central Dispatch,** explained that there is a lack of leadership at Central Disp. without a director & deputy director present. Also spoke in opposition to the Motorola CAD system decision. Compared this to 1942 Germany.
   - **Tom Noren, Mqt Co. Conservation Dist. Board member**, expressed his concerns about protecting the gem that Mqt Co. is with conservation.
   - **Sarah Monte, Mqt,** supports funding for the Mqt Co. Conservation Dist.
   - **Christy Foye, Mqt Co. Conservation Dist. Administrative Assist.,** (handout), explained the benefits of the organization & the programs & projects they offer.
   - **Misa Katie, Mqt,** supports the Conservation District and their request of funds.
   - **Debbie White,** has received assistance from the Cons. Dist. and feels their programs benefit our community.
   - **Joe Boogren, Forsyth Twp Fire Dept.,** spoke about CAD systems & the compatibility success between Motorola & Tyler Tech.
   - **Brian Nole, Comm. Director, Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve,** supports funding of the Mqt Co. Conservation District.
6. **REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

Board action: Comm. Aholm moved to approve the total expenditures paid via check & EFT transfers for the period August 28, 2026 through September 10, 2026 were $1,600,146.41 (this amount does not include check payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric); and biweekly payroll for the period ending August 29, 2026 was $920,388.98. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (6-0)

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the check payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric #241270. Second by Comm. Benzie. Motion adopted (5-0) Abstained: Comm. Alholm.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING**
8. **PRIVILEGED COMMENT:**
   a. **Anderson Tackman & Co. FY 2025 Audit Presentation,** Mike Grentz was present to review the audited financial statements for the year ended 12/31/2025, and answer any questions from commissioners (material on file).
   Board Action: Comm. Benzie moved to accept the audit report from Anderson, Tackman. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (6-0)
   b. **Master Plan Presentation, Thyra Kalstrom, Planning, and Grace Fried,** were present to explain the update to the Marquette County Master Plan.
9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**
   a. **MACC Board Informational Packet, Chairperson Derocha,** explained (after action item 10c) the Michigan Association of Counties, MAC Board of Commissioners meeting packet dated 8/06/2026, that he recently attended. (Packet material on file in Clerk's Office.)
10. **ACTION ITEMS:**
   a. **Distribution of the Proposed Marquette County Master Plan**

Nico Vermaat, Planner, was present to explain the following: In 2021, the Marquette County Planning Commission completed the first comprehensive Master Plan update since 1982. The central purpose of the Master Plan was to provide a response to the following question: "What do we want Marquette County to be like in the year 2040?" On November 5, 2025, the Marquette County Planning Commission sent out a Notice of Intent to Plan and began its five-year update of the Master Plan.

An extensive public input process was conducted including a community survey that received more than 1,300 responses from County residents. Planning staff also held Map the Future public input events in each planning region throughout the month of May.

At the Board meeting, Planning staff will provide a short presentation to highlight a few of the changes made to the plan. A copy of the draft plan is available in the County Administrator's Office.

Some of the highlights include:

- New survey results and community member quotes
- Updated data
- Updated strategies

On September 2, 2026, the Marquette County Planning Commission unanimously voted to submit the proposed Marquette County Master Plan to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners for review and approval of distribution. Approving distribution of the draft Master Plan begins the minimum 63-day public review period after which a public hearing and adoption by the Planning Commission can occur. The likely date of this public hearing would be December 2, 2026 at 5 PM.

Board action: Comm. LaLonde moved to approve the distribution of the proposed Marquette County Master Plan, formally initiating the public review process. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (6-0)

b. Materials Management Plan Grant Amendment

Nico Vermaat, Planner, had the following memo to the Board for consideration: Marquette County is collaborating with the five other Central U.P. counties, to create a multi-county Materials Management Plan (MMP) to replace the current Solid Waste Management Plan. Each County appointed members to the Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Planning Committee (CUPMMPC), the public body charged with developing the plan.

To implement the MMP, the state has awarded the County $103,008.50 annually over 3 years for a total of $309,025.50. These funds must be expended by July 2027. Some of Year 1 funding is already allocated and this amendment would allocate all of Year 1 and 2 funding. Year 3 funds will be available in October 2026. The projected Year 3 budget is included for informational purposes only. Please see the following budget breakdown and enclosed grant amendment.

	Year 1 & 2 Budget	Already Spent	Remaining		*Year 3 Budget (Projected)*	Total
Salary and Benefits	$13,726.89	$7,285.13	$6,441.76		*$7,000.00*	$13,441.76
Contractual	$181,250.00	$34,750.00	$146,500.00		*$92,508.50*	$239,008.50
Equipment			$0.00			$0.00
Supplies	$2,000.00		$2,000.00		*$1,000.00*	$3,000.00
Travel	$9,040.11	$2,582.66	$6,457.45		*$2,500.00*	$8,957.45
Total	$206,017.00	$44,617.79	$161,399.21		*$103,008.50*	$264,407.71

The contractual category is the budget category for implementation projects and, subtracting out the remaining CUPPAD expenses, there will be approximately **$220,000 for projects** once we receive our complete grant. The following is a preliminary list of projects based on discussions with Marquette representatives to the CUPMMPC and the draft goals of the MMP. A full list of projects with more details will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

Potential uses for implementation funds:

- Purchase recycling carts for municipalities
- County contracted K.I. Sawyer trash and recycling
- Improve internal County trash and recycling
- Improve existing municipal transfer stations
- Composting project

Board action: Comm. Benzie moved to authorize Chair Derocha to sign the grant amendment to allocate all of Year 1 and 2 funding. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (6-0)

c. Superior Watershed Partnership Great Lakes Climate Corps Firebreak Project

Nico Vermaat, Planner, had the following memo to the Board for consideration: The DNR contacted Marquette County with a goal of renewing the KI Sawyer firebreaks, which were first constructed in 1997. The County Forest has some of the highest wildfire risk in Marquette County and has significant fuel loads that are within feet of housing.

The DNR said the County needed an updated Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) to access funding to renew the KI Sawyer firebreaks. The DNR provided the County with a grant for $50,000 to update its CWPP. The County used the funding to hire Wildland Fire Associates. At its December 16, 2025 meeting the County Board approved the CWPP and Chair Derocha signed the Declaration of Concurrence. Following the update, there was leftover grant funding for projects to implement the CWPP. So far there has been one approved project to purchase a portable pump and four hand tools for the City of Marquette Fire Department. There remains about $25,000 for projects to be committed by the grant deadline at the end of September.

PROPOSED PROJECT: With the remaining grant funds, staff recommends hiring SWP's Great Lakes Climate Corp to start the work of renewing the KI Sawyer firebreaks. There are not enough funds to complete the entire project under the current grant so the work would focus on the ineffective and maintenance required sections highlighted in a firebreak analysis previously prepared by our Consulting Forester.

In 2024, the County and SWP executed a memorandum of understanding allowing the County to hire SWP on a project basis. Utilizing the MOU would allow the maximum amount of work to be completed by the September deadline. SWP

can provide a crew of four to perform clear brush and fell trees in the ineffective and maintenance required sections identified in the firebreak analysis. The weekly rate for this work would be $6,000.

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the County Planning to proceed with hiring SWP GLCC to perform firebreak maintenance work per the 2024 MOU, allowing grant funding to be utilized before the end of September deadline. Second by Comm. Benzie. Motion adopted (6-0)

d. County Elevator Modernization

Aaron Karlstrom, Facilities Manager, was present to explain the following: At the direction of the County Board, the County competitively rebid the modernization of three elevators located at the Annex Building, County Jail, and Negaunee Service Center through a sealed bid process. The project is necessary to comply with updated Michigan Elevator Code requirements that become effective January 1, 2028.

The project modernizes the elevators' Door Lock Monitoring systems, car operating controls, and main controller, while improving supporting building infrastructure with new code-compliant electrical disconnects, lighting, and smoke detection systems. The contractor will also utilize additional work hours during installation to reduce elevator downtime and minimize disruption to County operations.

Three sealed bids were received:

Contractor	**Bid Amount**
Metro Elevator	$460,600.00
TK Elevator	$519,000.00
Great Lakes Elevator	$560,000.00

Funding for the project is proposed from County Reserves through a special appropriation.

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to award the project to the lowest responsive bidder, Metro Elevator, in the amount of $460,600.00. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (6-0)

e. Negaunee Service Center Parking Lot Reconstruction

Aaron Karlstrom, Facilities Manager, was present to explain the following: The Negaunee Service Center parking lot has deteriorated significantly and requires complete reconstruction. Over the years, isolated areas have been patched and repaired; however, the underlying base has continued to deteriorate and is no longer suitable for additional spot repairs. Complete replacement will provide a long-term solution while addressing several existing site deficiencies.

In addition to replacing the pavement and base, the project includes improvements that will enhance the functionality and safety of the site, including:

- Improved drainage to eliminate existing ponding and standing-water conditions.
- Reconfiguration of the garbage and recycling area.
- Additional curbing to better separate the parking lot from the concrete sidewalk.
- Replacement of the deteriorating railroad-tie retaining wall.
- Reconfiguration of the parking layout to provide additional parking spaces.

The County solicited competitive bids for the Negaunee Service Center Parking Lot Reconstruction Project and received the following:

Contractor	Bid Amount
Oberstar, Inc.	$256,000.00
Payne & Dolan, Inc.	$301,223.50

Funding for the project will be provided through the Health Department Infrastructure Grant and a special appropriation from County Reserves.

Board action: Comm. Benzie moved to award the Negaunee Service Center Parking Lot Reconstruction Project to Oberstar, Inc. in the amount of $256,000, with project costs funded through the Health Department Infrastructure Grant and a special appropriation from County Reserves. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (6-0)

f. Cross Owner Contractor Agreement

Anania Tekurio, Assistant Airport Manager, was present to explain the following: Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport staff is requesting Marquette County Board of Commissioners consider awarding the construction agreement for Phase 3 of the Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) Improvements Project. This project is part of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act (IIJA) competitive grant funding and has a 100% Federal share, with no local cost.

This project was advertised across several venues. Bid opening occurred on July 24, 2026 and one responsive proposal was received and is summarized below. The engineer's estimate for this project was $3,327,832.11.

Bid Item	Window Glazing	Window Shades	Generator	Elevator Modernization	Roof	Millwork	Ceiling	Cab Carpet	Stair Carpet	Back-up Weather Equip.	Total
Engineer's Estimate Mead & Hunt	$ 1,536,918.08	$ 48,534.26	$ 404,452.13	$ 728,013.83	$ 323,561.70	$ 97,068.51	$ 48,534.26	$ 32,356.17	$ 8,089.04	$ 100,304.13	$ 3,327,832.11
Cross General Contracting, Inc.	$ 400,200.00	$ 62,000.00	$ 292,000.00	$ 453,000.00	$ 49,000.00	$ 66,000.00	$ 30,000.00	$ 16,000.00	$ 5,700.00	$ 91,000.00	$ 1,464,900.00
Percent of Estimate	26.04%	127.74%	72.20%	62.22%	15.14%	67.99%	61.81%	49.45%	70.47%	90.72%	44.02%

This proposal reflected a scope of work to replace several remaining components of the tower needing to be addressed as part of a larger modernization project. This was the final year of funding through this program. Submittal work is anticipated to begin over the winter months with the majority of construction work happening in the Spring and Summer of 2027.

The total bid price being 58.98% below engineered estimates demonstrates value for the work being completed. Mead & Hunt completed a review of all of the bid documents ensuring the full scope of the project was addressed as per the FAA requirements and concluded Cross General Contracting to be the lowest responsive bidder, and recommended they be awarded the contract.

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to award the ATCT Phase 3 contract to Cross General Contracting, Inc. for the amount of $1,464,900.00 and authorize Chairperson Derocha to sign the agreement. Second by Comm. Benzie. Motion adopted (6-0)

g. GA Apron Reconstruction-Construction Administration Amendment, Anania Tekurio, Assistant Airport Manager, explained Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport (MSRA) staff respectfully requests approval of a Construction Administration (CA) services amendment between Marquette County and Mead & Hunt for the General Aviation (GA) Apron Reconstruction Project (Grant 6426).

This amendment is a continuation of 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.

Board Action: Comm. Benzie moved to approve the Construction Administration Amendment of the agreement with Mead & Hunt for the amount of $351,200 for Construction Admin Services; and authorize Chairperson Joseph Derocha to sign the agreement. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion approved (6-0)

h. Sealing & Remarking Project-Construction Administration Amendment

Anania Tekurio, Assistant 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 Sealing and Remarking Project (Grant 6526).

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, currently taking place on the airfield.

Cost and Value Assessment:

- Total Project Cost (Excluding Exhibit A update, GA apron joint repair): $513,707.10
- Construction Administration Cost (Mead & Hunt): $33,800.00

Because the cost of design and construction administration services each totaled less than $100,000, an independent fee estimate (IFE) that is normally conducted to assess cost reasonableness was not required. Instead, MSRA staff conducted a cost comparison of similar projects to determine if services rate, profit rate, and direct costs were reasonable. Staff determined all rates to be reasonable and comparable to similar projects.

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the Agreement Amendment with Mead & Hunt in the amount of $33,800 for Construction Administration services and authorize Chairperson Joseph Derocha to sign the amendment. Second by Comm. Benzie. Motion adopted (6-0)

i. Arrow Constructions Owner Contractor Agreement

Anania Tekurio, Assistant Airport Manager, was present to explain the following: Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport staff is requesting Marquette County Board of Commissioners consider awarding the construction agreement for the General Aviation Apron Reconstruction Project. This project is part of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding. As previously presented, this project represents a $2,715,265.30 federal share, a $142,908.70 State share, and a $1,046,329.15 local share to be funded with a portion of the $3,000,000 State budget funding announced last year.

This project was advertised across several venues. Bid opening occurred on April 24, 2026 and four responsive proposals were received and are summarized below. The engineer's estimate for this project was $3,546,538.

Contractor	Base Bid Amount	Alternate No. 1 Amount	Total Bid Amount
Arrow Constructions, Inc.	$3,751,677.80	$2,669.10	$3,754,346.90
M&M Excavating Co., Inc.	$4,150,634.95	$2,669.10	$4,153,304.05
Ruotsala Construction, Inc.	$4,263,651.00	$3,280.00	$4,266,931.00
WR Construction LLC	$4,915,635.00	$3,936.00	$4,919,571.00

These proposals reflected a scope of work to remove and fully reconstruct 11,000 square yards of concrete on the General Aviation (GA) Apron that is degraded and beyond repair through patching. Construction for this project is to begin in Spring 2027.

Mead & Hunt completed a review of all of the bid documents for all bidders ensuring the full scope of the project was addressed as per the FAA requirements and concluded Arrow Constructions to be the lowest responsive bidder and recommended they be awarded the contract.

Board action: Comm. Benzie moved to award the GA Apron Reconstruction contract to Arrow Constructions, Inc. for the amount of $3,754,346.90 and authorize Chairperson Derocha to sign the agreement. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (6-0)

j. Notice to Quit-Kubick Aviation (no packet material), Civil Council was present to explain, on April 23, 2026, the County provided Kubick Aviation with a six-month termination notice. Now Civil Council is looking

for authorization to draft and send a Notice to Quit, so they know they need to vacate the premises by, or on, October 23, 2026.

Board Action: Comm. Nordeen moved to direct Civil Council to draft and send a Notice to Quit to Kubick Aviation Services, Inc., to vacate the premises by or on, October 23, 2026. Second by Comm. Alholm. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm, Comm. Numinen, Comm. Benzie, Comm. LaLonde, Chairperson Derocha. Nays: None. Motion adopted (6-0)

k. **Waste Management Resignation, Chairperson Derocha** informed the board of the retirement letter received by Glenn Adams, who served for over 35 years on Mqt Co. Solid Waste Management, and was one of the originals who was involved in creating the authority. He expressed his heartfelt sympathy to Glenn's family, as he passed away that same day. Chairperson Derocha requested staff draft a resolution in his honor for Glenn's years of service to Marquette County, and that it be presented at the next meeting.

Board Action: Comm. Benzie moved to accept the resignation, & direct staff to draft a resolution thanking Glenn Adams & his family for his years of service. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (6-0)

l. **MCMCF MERS Contribution**

Allecia Filibeck, Assistant Administrator MCMCF, was present to explain the following: Based on our cost based reimbursement system for Michigan Medicaid, the Marquette County Medical Care Facility DHHS Board has approved funding MERS unfunded liability in the amount of $1,000,000 from the maintenance of effort millage reserves (fund 239) leaving over $7,000,000 still in that account. We will then receive an estimated $7.00 per Medicaid census day over three years returning the majority of the funding to operating revenue for the facility. Additional contributions have previously been made in 2012, 2015 and 2017 for a total of $3.9 million. We appreciate your support on this matter.

Board Action: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve funding the MERS unfunded liability in the amount of $1,000,000 from the maintenance of effort reserves (fund 239). Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (6-0)

m. **Unfunded Pension & OPEB Liabilities**

Kamila Fassbender, Finance Manager, was present to explain the following: The purpose of this memorandum is to request formal support and budgetary approval to contribute to an accelerated funding strategy for our Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) regarding employee pensions and Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB).

Our organization provides retirees with long-term financial security through a defined benefit pension plan and post-employment healthcare benefits (OPEB). Due to shifts in actuarial assumptions, rising healthcare cost drivers, and historical market volatility, our long-term obligations currently exceed our total assets. This structural shortfall, or "pension debt," poses a risk to our long-term fiscal health if left unaddressed. As of December 31, 2025, our unfunded pension liabilities amounted to $37,727,653 (74% funded ratio), and our net OPEB liability was $17,355,690 (42.92% funded), a total of **$55,083,343**.

Continuing to address these long-term liabilities on a strict "pay-as-you-go" basis increases our structural costs over time and risks negatively impacting our credit or bond ratings. Transitioning toward a dedicated prefunding framework is critical. It will stabilize our annual budget contributions, lower total lifetime costs via compound market returns, and ensure we fulfill the long-term promises made to our workforce.

We respectfully request your approval to dedicate $5,000,000 of FY 2025 discretionary surplus toward the unfunded pension and other post-employment liabilities. Addressing these unfunded liabilities today prevents a severe fiscal burden on future budgets and taxpayers while securing the benefits earned by our employees.

Thank you for your time, leadership, and consideration of this critical financial objective. I am available to answer questions or provide additional financial data at your earliest convenience.

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to approve a contribution of $2,000,000 to the OPEB trust; $2,000,000 to the County MERS Defined Benefit Division S1; and $1,000,000 to the Marquette County Health Department's Defined Benefit Division S2 from the County's General Fund reserves. Second by Comm. Benzie. Motion adopted (6-0)

n. 2026 2nd Quarter Budget Amendments

Kamila Fassbender, Finance Manager, was present to explain the following: fourteen budget amendments are presented for your consideration:

#17 - GENERAL FUND

- MISC & CONTINGENCY – per July 7, 2026 BOC approval, add funds for the one-year agreement with Quadrant consulting, effective 7/1/26 thru 6/30/27 at $10,000 per month. ($30,000)
- INFORMATION SYSTEMS – Add funds for the IT management contract with Karhu Cyber, offset by an IT director position vacancy. ($72,500)
- ELECTIONS – Add funds for the increase in Printing and Binding costs, offset by election reimbursement revenues ($10,000).
- COURTHOUSE COMPLEX & INTERNAL SERVICES – Realignment of staffing ($0), and to add funds for emergency repairs due to water infiltration into the historic courthouse issue ($10,000).
- NEGAUNE & ISHPEMING SERVICE CENTERS – Add funds due to unforeseen snowplowing expenses ($20,000, and $10,400)
- DETENTION CENTER – SPACE EX – Add funds for vehicle operating expenses ($500)
- PROBATE COURT – Add funds for the increase in Probate judge salary, and related payroll expenditures, per SCAO memo dated August 26, 2026 ($1,732). Add funds for jury fees due to the record number of jury cases in 2026 ($20,000). Add funds for the BIS Digital Recording System service and support contract, inadvertently omitted from the original budget ($6,700).
- BYRNE STATE CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM – Add funds for the grant expenditures and grant revenues for the establishment of a community-based Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) legal advocate to coordinate efforts between the Prosecuting Attorney's office and the Women's Center of Marquette County ($0)
- TILDEN TWP CONTRACT – Reallocate funds from Vehicle Operating Expenses to Public Safety Capital outlay for the replacement of a Tahoe, not covered by insurance ($9,000).
- PUBLIC SAFETY – To add budget for 75% of the Public Safety Revenue Sharing (PSRS) distribution ($62,245 Public Safety initiatives), and 25% ($20,772 Capital Outlay), total PSRS FY 2026 distribution totaling $83,017.45. Also to add additional funds for a totaled Tahoe replacement ($44,380), and insurance proceeds ($34,000).
- REHABILITATION – To add funds for health services due to an unforeseen increase in medical expenses ($175,000), and to set up a reserve for the Smart Communications Technology grant received ($50,000).
- DETENTION CENTER – To eliminate budget for detention center operating expenses, due to the detention center being closed ($4,300).
- TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS – Accounts for an increase in Marq-Tran transfer due to additional tax settlement funds received in FY 2025 ($260,000).
- APPROPRIATIONS – To add funds for 2% gaming funds distributions from Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and related 2% gaming revenues ($25,000). Also to add funds for the transfer to Technology fund, for the ERP upgrade to cloud implementation costs per BOC approval June 2, 2026, using the reserve for special appropriations ($205,665).

#18 – HEALTH DEPARTMENT - To add funds for 2% gaming funds distributions from Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for suicide prevention, and related 2% gaming revenues ($3,500).

#19 – FORFEITURE FUND - To add funds for additional forfeiture proceeds and expenditures ($5,000).

#20 – COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS - Accounts for the additional FY 2026 grant award as approved by the MDOC Office of Community Corrections in July 2026 ($50,000), and for the 2% gaming funds distributions from Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for substance abuse, and related 2% gaming revenues ($3,500)

#21 – PUBLIC DEFENDER - Accounts for the FY 2026 grant budget amendments as approved by the MIDC in June and July 2026 ($0)

#22 – SEARCH AND RESCUE – Adds funds for the purchase of an aluminum enclosed trailer, partially funded by Michigan State ORV grant, and for the purchase of sonar for the ROV funded through grant funds, as approved by BOC on June 2, 2026. Also add funds for the Search and Rescue boat docking fee. ($51,619)

#23 VETERANS AFFAIRS – Add funds for the August 2026 election ballot costs ($15,500).

#24 AGING SERVICES – Add funds for the purchase of Project Life Saver system as approved by BOC on July 7, 2026, using 2% funding and lifetracker reserves ($16,696).

#25 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND – A budget amendment is requested add insurance proceeds and capital outlay for a replacement of a totaled road patrol vehicle, and to roll-forward previously approved projects as outlined in the amendment. BOC approved a jail window sealant project not to exceed $27,786 on July 7, 2026, using the funds set aside for "Jail window replacement project" totaling $110,000.

#26 PARKS FUND - Add funds for 2% gaming distribution and expenses ($3,500).

#27 MARQUETTE COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY – Accounts for MCMCF budget amendments for FY 2026.

#28 AIRPORT FUND

Adds budget for the marketing grant expenses and related grant revenue ($325,000).

Adds funds for the additional army lease expenses ($33,000) and related revenues ($65,000).

Add funds for the increase in service contracts, professional/contractual services, and insurance, not previously budgeted ($46,000).

Adds funds for the Mead & Hunt project #R1345800-2419696.01 MOA 10/1/24 contract, not previously carried forward ($113,779).

Adds funds for the August 3 and August 18, 2026 BOC approved purchases for FBO: two 2026 GMC Sierra 2500HDs, and a purchase of a refurbished FMC LMD aircraft deicing truck ($201,450).

#29 SEWER FUND

Adds budget for the change orders on the aeration building project ($34,933).

#30 TECHONOLOGY FUND

Adds budget for one time BS&A software ERP upgrade to cloud implementation and training fee, to be funded by a transfer in from General fund ($205,665)

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the Budget Amendments as listed above. Second by Comm. LaLonde. Motion adopted (6-0)

11. LATE ADDITIONS:

a. Marquette County 911 CAD System Discussion

Chairperson Derocha began the discussion by explaining how the 911 Authority began. He then went into how strongly the board feels about public safety and how important communications are in relation to public safety. He then explained the process that lead up to the decision to partner with the Motorola CAD system.

Comm. Benzie supports the input from the local experts, as these are complex decisions that need to be made, and believes the board is not engaging the local experts enough in this decision. Asks that board direct the policy board to consolidate all of the issues, address them, and report back to the board.

Board Action: Comm. Benzie moved for the Marquette County Board direct the Marquette County Dispatch Policy Board to consolidate all the issues and information. The Dispatch Policy Board work together & then

advise the County Board to make an informed decision. The issues needing to be resolved are: temporary leadership at Central Dispatch, costs: basic contract, interfaces (initial and yearly), consoles, any costs to first responders (police, fire, EMS); interoperability, designation of backup dispatch center(s), legal concerns with Tyler & Motorola, establish timelines of necessary action, & duration of contract. Second by Comm. LaLonde.

*Chairperson Derocha stated the following: How can the 911 Authority make a decision when the Mqt Co. Policy Board had not mentioned Tyler in the last 2 years of meeting minutes? Would like an explanation of why there was an emergency meeting called for the Central Disp. Policy Board after this was voted on in February?

A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Numinen, Comm. Benzie, and Comm. LaLonde. Nays: Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm, Chairperson Derocha. Motion failed (3-3)

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- **Margaret Brumm, Mqt,** reflected on Undersheriff Larson's reference to dogsledding in regards to leadership, and pointed out that oftentimes the musher gets dog dropping in the face. Stated there is a certain amount of crap to absorb by the leader. She also updated the board on the cigarette butt buyback program.
- **Joe Boogren, Mqt,** continued with his support of the board's decision to partner with Motorola for the CAD system.
- **Cody Mayer, Mqt (online),** asked the board to put the Motorola & Tyler CAD systems side by side and compare the two, as MAP has access to both. Encouraged the board to listen to experts. Thanked Commissioners Benzie, LaLonde, & Numinen, for being open to listen to the Advisory Board.
- **Kristie Buruse, Mqt,** suggested the board have Tyler presentation as well as the Motorola presentation.
- **Karen Kovacs, Mqt,** re-addressed the Mqt City resolution regarding the CAD system as it was not intended to create conflict.
- **Gary Johnson, Mqt,** explained his opposition with the Board's decision to partner with Motorola CAD system.
- **Joy Bolton, Mqt Co.,** expressed concerns regarding the Motorola CAD system
- **Jeremy Hauswirth, MSP Post Commander,** requested the commissioners make wise decisions.
- **Jeff Chiodi, Mqt Co. Conservation Dist.,** requested the board consider funding for FY 2027.

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. Numinen** adressed the CAD system discussion and the level of drama that surrounded it. Took offense to the comparison that was made earlier to 1942 Germany, in regards to choosing a computer program. Would like to move above these types of comparisons.
- **Comm. Benzie** thanked everybody who came to the meeting tonight, and Chairperson Derocha for allowing for the opportunity to speak on the CAD system.
- **Comm. LaLonde** also thanked everyone for coming tonight and offering their comments. This is how government works, and it is not always clean. Appreciates the discussion. Liked Margaret and Lowell's comments on leadership. Feels the 1942 Germany comment was misused in the first public comment & takes great offense.
- **Comm. Alholm** appreciates those who have expressed their opinion & looks forward to the Motorola presentation.

- **Comm. Nordeen** also appreciates the public comment, and at the end of the day it is the elected officials who make the decisions. Is also looking forward getting more information at the Motorola presentation and getting the answers to his questions.
- **Chairperson Derocha** urged those who offer comment to be factual when doing so. Explained that the board has an obligation to the tax payers and a fiscal responsibility. Sometimes, we all don't get what we want, sometimes we all don't agree, but appreciates everyone's public comment. As elected leaders, they need to sift through it all.

14. CLOSED SESSION

15. ADJOURMENT: There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:04 p.m.

Cory Beth Grigg
Marquette County Chief Deputy Clerk

Joseph Derocha, Chairman
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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PROCLAMATION HONORING GLENN ADAMS, SR.

WHEREAS, Glenn Adams Sr., born October 10, 1936, comes from a family with deep roots in Marquette County, dating back to 1889 when his family settled in Republic Township in the area known as Chief Lake; and

WHEREAS, Glenn has dedicated decades of his life to public service and to improving the communities of Marquette County; and

WHEREAS, throughout his many years of service, Glenn served his community as an elected Township Board Trustee and as a member of the Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Glenn continued his commitment to public service through his work as a member of the Marq-Tran Board and, most recently, as a member of the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority Board; and

WHEREAS, Glenn's contributions to his community extended far beyond public boards and organizations. Through his love of music, he brought entertainment, fellowship, and happiness to generations of residents, performing for 4-H clubs, churches, restaurants, weddings, anniversaries, and numerous other community gatherings; and

WHEREAS, Glenn has lived by a simple saying that reflects the character with which he has served his neighbors and community:

"It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and extends its sincere appreciation to Glenn Adams Sr. for his decades of dedicated public service, his contributions to the people and communities of Marquette County, and the lasting example of kindness, commitment, and community spirit that he has demonstrated throughout his life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners extends its heartfelt thanks to Glenn Adams Sr. and recognizes his many years of service as part of the proud history of Marquette County.

Presented by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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Joseph Derocha
Chairman, Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Date: _____

MARQUETTE COUNTY

AUDIT REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING OCTOBER 1, 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 SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2026 WERE $1,163,739.09.

BIWEEKLY PAYROLL FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 2026 WAS $1,553,390.97.

BIWEEKLY PAYROLL FOR THE PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 WAS $979,152.64.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

FINANCE COMMITTEE BY:

JOSEPH DEROCHA

KAREN ALHOLM

BILL NORDEEN

APPROVED FOR PAYMENT
MARQUETTE COUNTY CLERK

BY: Kamila Fassbender

BIWEEKLY PAYROLL FOR PERIOD ENDING 9/12/2026

FUND NUMBER & NAME		TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS
101	GENERAL FUND	632,379.90
215	FRIEND OF THE COURT	41,937.23
235	PROSECUTING ATTORNEY - TEMP	0.00
236	K.I. INTERMEDIARY RELENDING	0.00
238	PA 511	6,065.00
245	Land Bank Authority	4,350.72
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	73,348.28
273	CENTRAL DISPATCH	50,565.00
274	RESCUE SAFETY	10,502.93
285	MCTV GRANT	972.17
287	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	313.49
292	PROBATE CHILD CARE	16,632.02
297	VETERAN AFFAIRS	8,999.01
298	COMMISSION ON AGING	5,919.62
508	FOREST/RECREATION	11,228.79
532	FORECLOSURE	591.94
541	FORESTRY SERVICES	361.50
581	AIRPORT	666,318.61
590	WASTEWATER	14,772.93
591	WATER	7,503.02
629	SERVICE CENTERS	0.00
650	COPY/COMPUTER	142.44
		1,553,390.97

Payroll Check Numbers **130821 - 130821**

BIWEEKLY PAYROLL FOR PERIOD ENDING 9/12/2026

FUND NUMBER & NAME		TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS
101	GENERAL FUND	2.38
215	FRIEND OF THE COURT	0.00
235	PROSECUTING ATTORNEY - TEMP	0.00
236	K.I. INTERMEDIARY RELENDING	0.00
238	PA 511	0.00
245	Land Bank Authority	0.00
253	VICTIM RESTITUTION	0.00
255	HOMESTEAD	0.00
256	REG OF DEEDS-AUTOMATION FUND	0.00
259	REMONUMENTATION	0.00
260	INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	0.00
273	CENTRAL DISPATCH	0.00
274	RESCUE SAFETY	0.00
285	MCTV GRANT	0.00
287	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	0.00
292	PROBATE CHILD CARE	0.00
297	VETERAN AFFAIRS	0.00
298	COMMISSION ON AGING	0.00
508	FOREST/RECREATION	0.00
532	FORECLOSURE	0.00
541	FORESTRY SERVICES	0.00
581	AIRPORT	3,902.19
590	WASTEWATER	225.25
591	WATER	0.00
629	SERVICE CENTERS	0.00
650	COPY/COMPUTER	0.00
		4,129.82

Payroll Check Numbers

BIWEEKLY PAYROLL FOR PERIOD ENDING 10/1/2026 - Non-Rep Vacation Buy-Backs

FUND NUMBER & NAME		TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS
101	GENERAL FUND	26,469 98
215	FRIEND OF THE COURT	4,121.41
235	PROSECUTING ATTORNEY -TEMP	0.00
236	K.I. INTERMEDIARY RELENDING	0.00
238	PA 511	0.00
245	Land Bank Authority	0.00
253	VICTIM RESTITUTION	0.00
255	HOMESTEAD	0.00
256	REG OF DEEDS-AUTOMATION FUND	0.00
259	REMONUMENTATION	0.00
260	INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	1,437.04
273	CENTRAL DISPATCH	1,539.68
274	RESCUE SAFETY	0.00
285	MCTV GRANT	0.00
287	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	168.00
292	PROBATE CHILD CARE	0.00
297	VETERAN AFFAIRS	0.00
298	COMMISSION ON AGING	0.00
508	FOREST/RECREATION	1,008.00
532	FORECLOSURE	0.00
541	FORESTRY SERVICES	671.97
581	AIRPORT	2,175.68
590	WASTEWATER	621.63
591	WATER	310 81
629	SERVICE CENTERS	0.00
650	COPY/COMPUTER	0.00
		38,524.20

Payroll Check Numbers **130825 - 130825**

BIWEEKLY PAYROLL FOR PERIOD ENDING 10/1/2026 - Sheriff Vacation Buy-Backs

FUND NUMBER & NAME		TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS
101	GENERAL FUND	11,142.95
215	FRIEND OF THE COURT	0.00
235	PROSECUTING ATTORNEY -TEMP	0.00
236	K.I. INTERMEDIARY RELENDING	0.00
238	PA 511	0.00
245	Land Bank Authority	0.00
253	VICTIM RESTITUTION	0.00
255	HOMESTEAD	0.00
256	REG OF DEEDS-AUTOMATION FUND	0.00
259	REMONUMENTATION	0.00
260	INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	0.00
273	CENTRAL DISPATCH	0.00
274	RESCUE SAFETY	3,876.06
285	MCTV GRANT	0.00
287	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	0.00
292	PROBATE CHILD CARE	0.00
297	VETERAN AFFAIRS	0.00
298	COMMISSION ON AGING	0.00
508	FOREST/RECREATION	0.00
532	FORECLOSURE	0.00
541	FORESTRY SERVICES	0.00
581	AIRPORT	0.00
590	WASTEWATER	0.00
591	WATER	0.00
629	SERVICE CENTERS	0.00
650	COPY/COMPUTER	0.00
		15,019.01

Payroll Check Numbers **130822 - 130824**

BIWEEKLY PAYROLL FOR PERIOD ENDING 9/26/2026

FUND NUMBER & NAME		TOTAL PERSONNEL COSTS
101	GENERAL FUND	613,343.25
215	FRIEND OF THE COURT	42,304.15
235	PROSECUTING ATTORNEY - TEMP	0.00
236	K.I. INTERMEDIARY RELENDING	0.00
238	PA 511	6,456.03
245	Land Bank Authority	4,350.72
253	VICTIM RESTITUTION	0.00
255	HOMESTEAD	0.00
256	REG OF DEEDS-AUTOMATION FUND	509.34
259	REMONUMENTATION	323.76
260	INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	73,052.27
273	CENTRAL DISPATCH	44,598.41
274	RESCUE SAFETY	8,546.89
285	MCTV GRANT	0.00
287	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	445.07
292	PROBATE CHILD CARE	18,893.11
297	VETERAN AFFAIRS	8,040.32
298	COMMISSION ON AGING	5,919.62
508	FOREST/RECREATION	11,294.52
532	FORECLOSURE	687.03
541	FORESTRY SERVICES	214.43
581	AIRPORT	62,146.24
590	WASTEWATER	13,199.96
591	WATER	7,052.05
629	SERVICE CENTERS	0.00
650	COPY/COMPUTER	102.44
		921,479.61

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ACTION ITEM REQUEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING DATE:	**OCTOBER 6, 2026**
SUBMITTED BY/DEPARTMENT:	**Duane DuRay, County Administrator**
AGENDA ITEM:	**Discussion and decision on termination of Fixed Base Operator Limited Service Agreement with Kubick Aviation Services Inc.**
FINANCIAL IMPACT ON BUDGET:	

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

Kubick Aviation Services, Inc. has provided Fixed Base Operator (FBO) services at Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport (MSRA) since July 2023.

In late 2025, Marquette County began evaluating the transition of FBO operations from Kubick Aviation Services, Inc. to a County-operated FBO. Following review of the operational, financial, facility, equipment, and personnel requirements associated with such a transition, staff recommends that the County proceed with termination of the existing agreements with Kubick Aviation Services, Inc.

The proposed action includes the following:

Term of the Fixed Base Operator Limited Services Agreement dated July 31, 2023, with an original expiration date of July 31, 2028. Termination would be pursuant to Section 1.3.5, Termination Without Cause, of the agreement.
Termination of the Lease Agreement between Kubick Aviation Services, Inc. and Marquette County involving Parcels AL-17, AL-16, and AL-15 (Buildings 423, 424, and 425 – Hangars); Parcel L-5 (Building 427 – General Aviation Terminal); and Parcel L-18 (Building 626 – Fuel Truck Storage), including the First and Second Amendments. Termination would be pursuant to Section 1.3 of the lease agreement.
Upon cessation of Kubick Aviation Services, Inc.'s FBO operations, the County intends to preserve its contractual rights regarding the potential repurchase of assets previously purchased in connection with the FBO operation, subject to the applicable agreement terms and fair market value.

The proposed transition and operation of the FBO by the County have been discussed on multiple occasions by the Airport Advisory Board, the Airport Advisory Board Finance Committee, and the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

As part of that review, staff evaluated the overall FBO operation, including facilities, financial performance, equipment, staffing, fuel operations, and anticipated airline and military activity.

Initial projections estimated approximately $1.8 million in annual FBO revenue. Subsequent analysis determined that the initial projection did not fully account for existing airline fuel contracts, which will affect the volume of fuel sales available to the County-operated FBO. Based on updated assumptions and operating costs, staff currently projects an operating surplus of approximately $422,000.

The projected financial result does not assume above-normal military operations, which could provide additional fuel sales, a full CY of United Airlines Operations and other FBO-related revenue when such activity occurs.

Staff continues to support the transition to a County-operated FBO as a means of improving the financial sustainability of Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport and increasing the County's ability to directly manage and develop FBO services.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the following motion:

Motion to terminate the Fixed Base Operator Limited Services Agreement between Kubick Aviation Services, Inc. and Marquette County without cause pursuant to Section 1.3.5 of the agreement, and to terminate the Lease Agreement between Kubick Aviation Services, Inc. and Marquette County involving Parcels AL-17, AL-16, and AL-15 (Buildings 423, 424, and 425 – Hangars); Parcel L-5 (Building 427 – General Aviation Terminal); and Parcel L-18 (Building 626 – Fuel Truck Storage), including the First and Second Amendments, pursuant to Section 1.3 of the lease agreement.

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Memorandum

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Date: September 30, 2026

To: Duane R. DuRay, Marquette County Administrator

CC: Kamila Fassbender, Finance Manager

From: David Erhart, Airport Manager

Re: Agreement with Mead & Hunt for Exhibit A Property Inventory Map Update

BACKGROUND AND PROJECT FUNDING:

Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport (MSRA) staff respectfully requests approval of an agreement between Marquette County and Mead & Hunt for services related to updating the Airport's Exhibit A Property Inventory Map. Under Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations, the airport sponsor is required to maintain and update this property map to provide needed information related to airport land acquisition and funding history in order to ensure compliance with federal regulations and grant agreements. The funding for completion of this work has been planned for in Airport Improvement Plan (AIP) entitlement funding that the Airport receives each year. Mead & Hunt proposed completion of this work for a cost of $521,465.30. This grant was previously reviewed, approved, and accepted by the board under grant SAW-GLG-3-26-0153-065-2026. This AIP Grant has a 95% Federal, 2.5% State, and 2.5% local funding breakdown, resulting in a local share of $13,036.64.

The previously discussed breakdown including the cost of updating the Exhibit A map 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

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners approve the Agreement for Professional Consulting Services with Mead & Hunt for the update of the Exhibit A Property Inventory Map in the amount of $521,465.30 and authorize Chairperson Joseph Derocha to sign the agreement.

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LAKE SUPERIOR COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIP

To: Marquette County Board of Commissioners
From: Lake Superior Community Partnership
Date: 10/06/2026 (Meeting Date)
Item: Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport Grant Update

Recommended Actions: Accept the terms of the Sub-Grant Agreement for Enhancement of Air Service at Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport

SUMMARY

In early October 2025, the State of Michigan passed its budget (HB 4706), which included a $3,000,000 appropriation in Section 453 directed to Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport:

> "From the funds appropriated in part 1 for legislatively directed spending items, $3,000,000.00 must be awarded to Lake Superior Community Partnership in Marquette County to support strengthened air service and infrastructure investment at Marquette Sawyer Regional Airport."

The funds were requested through the Legislatively Directed Spending Item (LDSI) process at a time when significant efforts were underway to maintain momentum from major air service wins, including the return of direct service to Minneapolis, early-stage strategic planning work, and updates to the Airport Advisory Council. A collaborative effort between the LSCP, Marquette County, and the Ambassadors contributed to the successful allocation. Although requests were later made to direct the funds to the County, the final adopted budget designated the LSCP as the recipient. Since that time, we have been working closely with Marquette County and the Airport Advisory Council to identify appropriate uses for the funds. The Marquette Advisory Council made recommendations to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners at the July 7 meeting, which were subsequently approved.

State of Michigan – FY26 One Time Enhancement Grant		
Airfield Equipment	$950,000	Airport snow removal and field maintenance equipment
Pavement Infrastructure	$1,050,000	General Aviation Ramp Repairs
Facilities Improvements	$945,000	Building and hangar repairs and upgrades
Strategic Long-Term Planning & Admin	$55,000	Strategic and Long-Term Planning Development (LSCP)
TOTAL	**$3,000,000**	

UPDATE

Since our last meeting, LSCP has officially applied for and has been awarded the $3,000,000 as outlined above. A fully executed agreement is in place with the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO), and the

initial Compliance report has been submitted (due within 30 days of award). Additional reporting includes quarterly reports and monthly financial reports, both backdated to October 1, 2025. A contractual agreement is included here for Marquette County, as the sub-recipient of this award, and we are seeking your approval of this agreement. The County will take on the respons bility of paying for the equipment, contractors, and materials in advance and will be submitting monthly reports to LSCP to submit to the state for reimbursement.

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ACTION ITEM REQUEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING DATE:	**OCTOBER 1, 2026**
SUBMITTED BY/DEPARTMENT:	Duane DuRay, Administrator
AGENDA ITEM:	IT Server Upgrades and Installations
FINANCIAL IMPACT ON BUDGET:	$180,000- $200,000

BACKGROUND

As the Board is aware, the Marquette County Information Technology (IT) Department is undergoing organizational changes and implementing upgrades intended to improve the reliability, security, and overall performance of the County's technology infrastructure. Marquette County has also engaged Karhu Cyber to assist with various components of the County's IT operations.

As part of the ongoing evaluation of the County's technology systems, the County's storage infrastructure was identified as an area requiring significant attention. Over the past several months, the County has experienced technical difficulties with the existing storage system that have resulted in disruptions and impacts to County operations.

Following an extensive evaluation of the system, it was determined that several components of the existing storage infrastructure need to be replaced to address the ongoing issues and improve system reliability. The original plan was to develop specifications and proceed through the County's normal purchasing process. However, due to the continued system problems and the need to address the situation promptly, I authorized emergency expenditures to allow the IT Department to obtain the necessary equipment and begin the corrective work as soon as possible.

The replacement equipment was initially estimated to cost approximately $180,000. The County has now placed an order for the necessary equipment at a cost of $138,058.84, with delivery anticipated during the week of October 5, 2026. The equipment will allow the County to rebuild the existing storage infrastructure and will include an industry-standard backup system to improve redundancy and data protection.

The installation and configuration of the replacement equipment will require a significant amount of staff time and specialized expertise. Given the urgency of the project, the limited availability of County IT staff, and their existing workload, Karhu Cyber has agreed to provide the additional expertise and manpower necessary to complete the installation. This work is outside the scope of the County's existing agreement with Karhu Cyber.

The cost for the installation and configuration is $42,000, with an additional $21,000 contingency available if unforeseen complications are encountered during the installation and system rebuild. The contingency would only be utilized if necessary.

Staff previously estimated the overall project cost at approximately $200,000 to $250,000. Based on the current equipment and installation costs, the project is anticipated to remain toward the lower end of that original estimate.

The cost of this expenditure will be funded from the Reserve for Special Appropriations.

Staff will continue to provide updates to the Board regarding the progress of the project, including final costs, installation, system implementation, and any additional issues identified during the process.

Outlook

Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan - Municipality Meeting Scheduling

From Grace Freed <gfreed@mqtco.org>
Date Thu 10/1/2026 3:35 PM
To Tilden Township <TildenTwp@tildentwp.org>
Cc Brian Hummel <bhummel@mqtco.org>

Hi Fred,

I hope this email finds you well! Us over at the MQT County Planning Division are starting the process to update the Multi-Jurisdictional Marquette County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), and we are reaching out to municipalities to gather updated information about local hazards and priority projects!

We would like to schedule a brief meeting with you and/or other appropriate staff to review current hazard information specific to Tilden Township, discuss any new hazards since the current plan was adopted, and identify specific mitigation/hazard projects relevant to Tilden Township.

We plan to start these check-in meetings on October 15th and beyond. Please let me know a few dates/times that work for you, or we can share a few times that work for us and Brian Hummel (MQTCO Emergency Manager), and we can coordinate a meeting!

For reference, the current adopted Marquette County HMP can be found here:
https://2e4105c4-bfad-493b-84ba-19211f994e3d.filesusr.com/ugd/2c32cf_b3ed53ba25d2427f8eec0d1dde925178.pdf

(Or at mqtcoplan.org)

Thank you for your help, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

Best,

Grace Freed
MI Healthy Climate Fellow
Planning, Community Development, Forestry & Recreation
906-225-8322
www.mqtcoplan.org

Jamie Campbell

From: Michigan Bureau of Elections <MISOS@public.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2026 9:47 AM
To: Jamie Campbell
Subject: Print new "I Voted" Stickers



Election Officials,

Due to clerk interest in printing additional "I voted" sticker contest winner designs, we have placed the high resolution images of the 2026 'I Voted' stickers in the eLearning center. You will need to save each individual file that you intend to have printed. Counties and jurisdictions may use these files to print more stickers for voters.

The following contestants created the winning designs:

Elementary / Middle School

1. Aryana Lintz of Berrien Springs
2. Aleymi Perez Ramos of Romulus
3. Naia Montgomery of Detroit

High School

1. Lenore Coil of Saginaw
2. Ahmad Bazzi of Dearborn Heights
3. Keirsten Sturm-Richmond of Remus

General

1. Maddie Tallman of Woodhaven
2. Lisa Damesworth of Redford Charter Township
3. Hilarie Williams of Oak Park

We would like to remind all clerks that the artists of the designs gave the Michigan Department of State non-exclusive rights to use their creations, though have not granted any rights to the clerks for resale.

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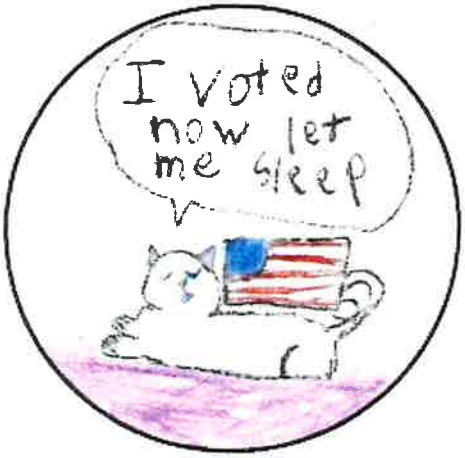

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Tilden Township Clerk
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

2026 EARLY VOTING NOTICE





TILDEN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

ESTABLISHMENT OF EARLY VOTING SITE

Tilden Township Hall
3145 County Road PG
Ishpeming, MI 4984

All qualified electors in Tilden Township have the right to mark a ballot and deposit the ballot in a tabulator beginning the second Saturday before an election and ending the Sunday before the election. Early voting will be available at the early voting site for the following hours:

2026 Early Voting Schedule for Tilden Township.

Saturday 10/24	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	**Tuesday 10/27**	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	**Friday 10/30**	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday 10/25	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	**Wednesday 10/28**	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	**Saturday 10/31**	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Monday 10/26	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	**Thursday 10/29**	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	**Sunday 11/1**	10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Election Day Voting will be held at Tilden Township Hall, 3145 County Road PG.
If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Tilden Township Clerk's Office
906-486-6580 Tildenclerk@tildentwp.org

Notice is hereby given by resolution of the Township Board of Trustees under authority granted in Public Act 81 of 2023, that the location of the early voting site for all federal and statewide election dates will be the following.

Jamie Campbell

From: Laurel Harbridge-Yong <Elected_officials_research@northwestern.edu>
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2026 11:09 AM
To: Tilden Township
Subject: Report on threats and violence against mayors and top municipal officials
Attachments: ipr-rapid-research-report-political-violence-mayors-report-september-2026.pdf

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Dear Municipal Leader,

Last Fall, our research team, led by Northwestern University, the University of Illinois Chicag stemming from interactions with the public. We are grateful to the many elected officials wh www.ipr.northwestern.edu/documents/reports/ipr-rapid-research-report-political-violence-m this report with colleagues.

If you have any questions about this research, you can contact the investigators (Alexandra at Northwestern University l-harbridge@northwestern.edu).

Thank you for your work in public service!

Sincerely,

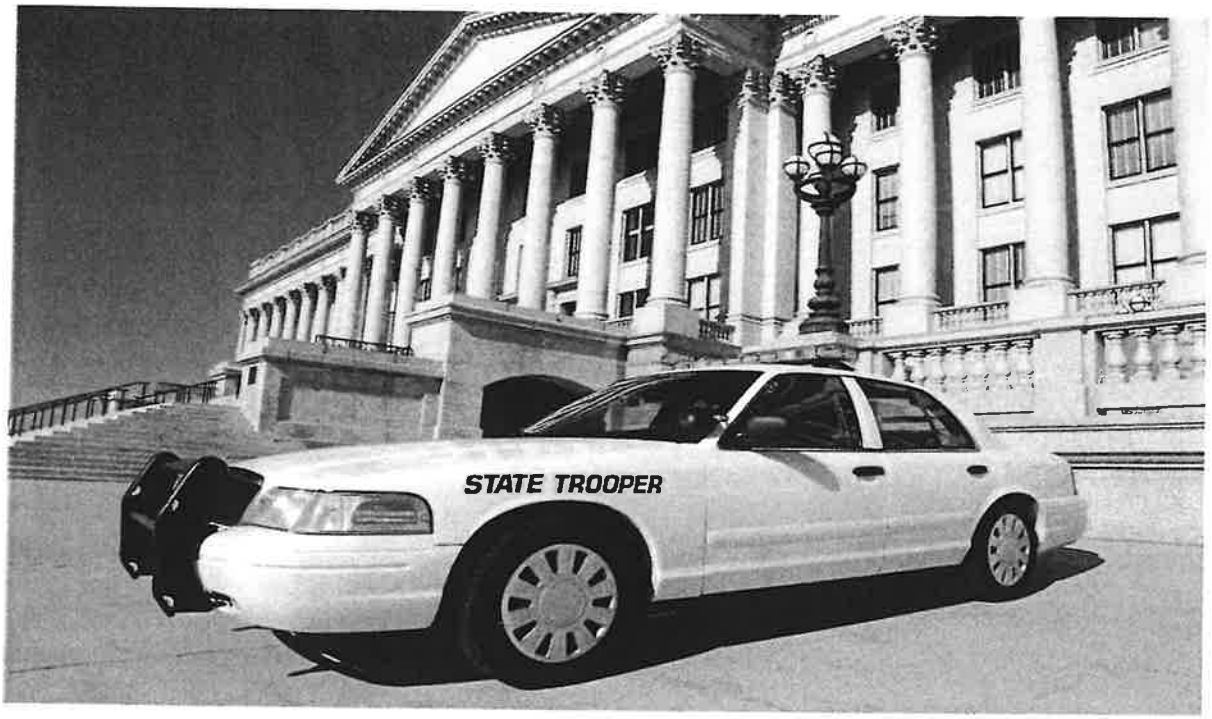
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THREATS AND VIOLENCE AGAINST ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THEIR STAFF

Constituency Demands and Polarization Drive Threats and Violence: Mayors and Top Municipal Officials' Perspective

Alexandra Filindra, University of Illinois Chicago

John Cluverius, University of Massachusetts Lowell

Laurel Harbridge-Yong, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University

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Mayors and Top Municipal Officials Share Insights on Threats and Violence in City Politics

By Alexandra Filindra, John Cluverius, and **Laurel Harbridge-Yong**

Overview

Mayors and other top municipal officials play a critical role in serving communities across the country. They address local issues and advocate for their communities. While many aspects of this job are rewarding, public service also comes with challenges, including harassment, threats, and violence targeting elected officials.

In partnership with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, we surveyed mayors and other top municipal executives (e.g., First Selectman, Village President) in Fall 2025 to assess their perceptions of political violence, its causes, and support for potential solutions. This report presents key findings showcasing the magnitude of the problem and how communities are responding. For ease of presentation, we use the term 'mayor' to refer to those who hold the title of mayor as well as other job titles that function similarly to mayor.

Exposure

Exposure to threats is distressingly common for mayors and top executives that run America's cities. During their career, a majority (61 percent) of mayors have experienced threats (verbally, in writing, or online), and a quarter (25 percent) have received threats against their family members. Physical violence, although alarming, is less prevalent, with 4 percent of mayors reporting that they have been physically attacked or assaulted, and 18 percent of mayors reporting vandalism at their office or home.

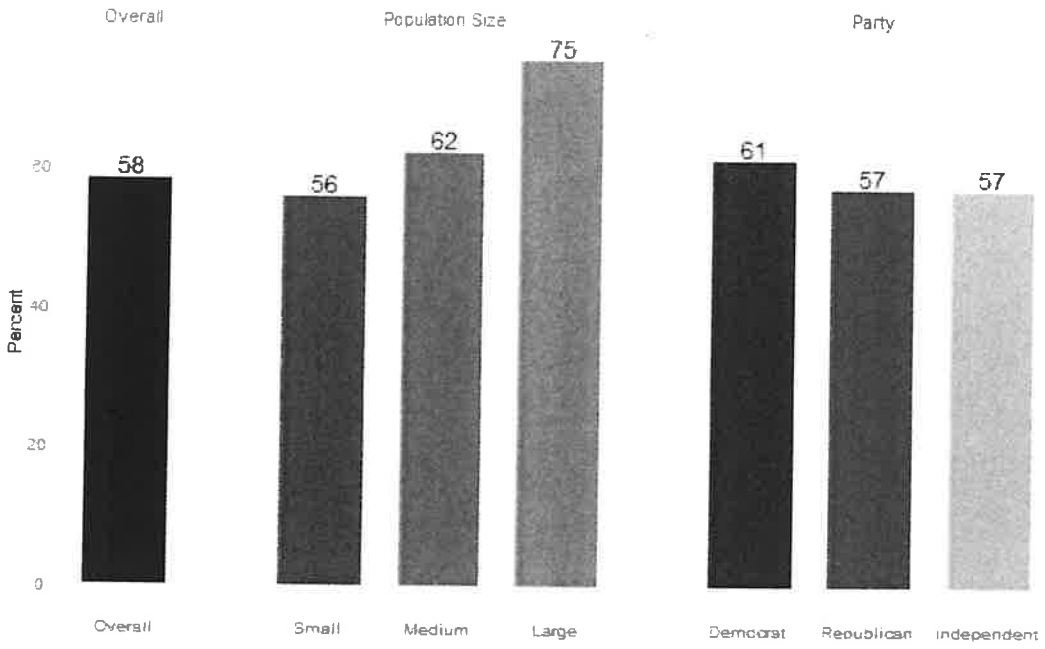
Physical violence is not common, but serious threats are – 58 percent of mayors have experienced at least one incident that was concerning enough to report it to law enforcement. Figure 1 plots the percentage of mayors who have reported at least one incident to law enforcement. Rates are higher among mayors who represent large cities (population over 50,000) than among small (population less than 10,000) and medium-sized cities, pointing to both the widespread nature of the problem and the heightened risks for mayors in large cities that represent more people with more diverse needs.

Acknowledgments

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These patterns also suggest that threats and violence are a bipartisan problem. Roughly 60 percent of mayors – whether they self-identify as Democrats, Republicans, or Independents — reported threats to the police.

Figure 1. Reporting one or more incidents of harassment, threats, or violence to law enforcement



Note: The figure shows the percentage of mayors who reported one or more incidents to law enforcement. Party identification is self-identification and includes mayors who run in partisan and non-partisan races.

Perceived Causes

We find that constituency service expectations are to blame for threats and violence in America's city halls more so than partisan politics, according to mayors. We asked mayors to rank four types of causes based on their experience. Most mayors (74 percent) selected challenges related to constituency service as the most prevalent cause of threats and violence against elected officials. Fully half of the respondents selected "people seeking constituency services who do not understand how government works," and an additional quarter selected "people seeking constituency services who suffer from behavioral health issues" as the most frequent cause. By contrast, only a quarter of mayors prioritized partisan causes of violence, with 18 percent attributing it to "people from the opposing party who disagree politically," and 5 percent to "people from within the same party." We observe a similar pattern of mayors attributing threats and violence to challenges related to constituency services when we consider the top two causes they selected.

The American system of government is complex and multilayered, and characterized by a weak and decentralized social safety net. Citizens expect the government to be responsive and efficient, but are often unaware of who is

responsible for what function in the American system of government, which leads to misunderstandings, miscommunication, frustration, and (often enough) incivility and threats. Most mayors (80 percent) agree that constituents have unrealistic expectations of what mayors can do for them.

Citizens in crisis can present a second source of harassment and threats. People in need of help to address homelessness, unemployment, domestic violence, or mental health issues can expose mayors and their staff to volatile and threatening situations.

Table 1. Ranking of perceived causes

Category of cause	Ranked cause as 1st (most frequent) (%)	Ranked cause as 1st or 2nd (%)
People from the other party who don't agree with you politically	18	42
People from your own party who don't agree with you politically	5	19
People seeking constituency services who suffer from behavioral health issues	24	52
People seeking constituency services who do not understand how government works	50	79

Note: The table shows the percentage of mayors who ranked each category as first (column 1) or in top-2 (column 2).

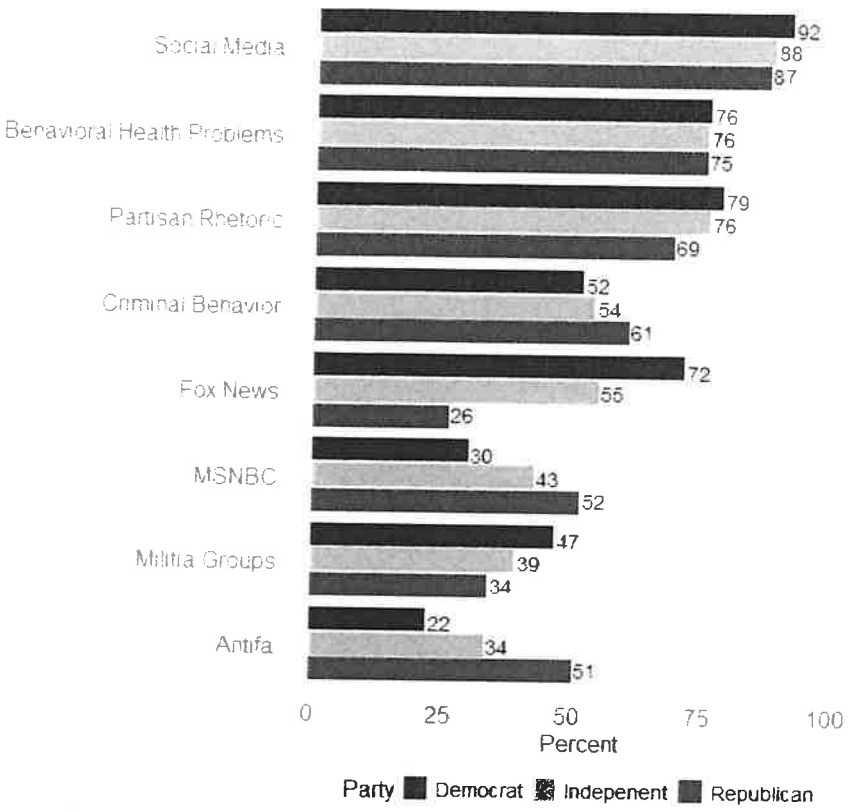
The issue of behavioral health carries over even when we ask more fine-grained questions about *how much responsibility* different factors bear for the broader phenomenon of threats and violence in America's city halls. Three-quarters of mayors, across parties, agree that behavioral health problems bear a lot of responsibility for threats and violence against elected officials (Figure 2). This does not mean that elected officials believe that people with mental health problems are violent. It means that, in their capacity as mayors, they often seek to help people in crisis whose situations can provoke volatile behavior.

Importantly, mayors distinguish between mental health and criminal behavior: the proportion of mayors who attribute a lot of responsibility to criminal behavior is substantially lower than that of those who attribute it to behavioral problems, especially among Democrats and Independents.

Mayors also attribute blame to two key structural issues: social media and partisan rhetoric. Mayors across the political spectrum are in near-universal agreement that social media is to blame either somewhat or a lot for threats and violence. Social media has made elected officials easier to reach, removing communication barriers, which is good for democracy. However, this accessibility has also enabled some citizens to engage in bad behavior, weakening democratic norms and adding further challenges to public service. While super-majorities of mayors from all parties view partisan rhetoric as a contributing factor, Democrats and Independents are more likely to attribute responsibility to partisan rhetoric than Republicans.

Larger partisan divides emerge when we ask about factors with distinct partisan identities: Democrats are more likely to blame Fox News and militia groups, while Republicans are more likely to blame MSNBC and antifa.

Figure 2. Perceived responsibility for threats and violence



Note: The figure reports the percentage of mayors from each party indicating that a given factor has some or a lot of responsibility for threats and violence against elected officials and staff. Party identification is self-identification and includes mayors who run in partisan and non-partisan races.

Government responsiveness appears to be an important factor, even when we drill down into specific policy issues known to have given rise to incivility and hostility among partisan publics in recent years. We asked mayors to select the top three issues that contribute to threats and violence against elected officials. A lack of government responsiveness was selected by 63 percent of mayors as a leading contributor, substantially higher than any policy issue identified by respondents.

Substantial fractions of mayors also identified several contentious policy issues as motivators of threats and violence. A third of mayors identified immigration and guns/crime as salient issues behind threats and violence, while roughly a quarter pointed to health policy and election integrity. Given the timing of the survey, in the Fall of 2025, when federal immigration enforcement officers were conducting raids across the country, this suggests that citizen anger and frustration related to partisan political issues may be tied to the national political cycle and the nationalization of politics.

Patterns tend to be similar across Democratic, Republican, and Independent mayors. The largest partisan difference emerges on guns and crime, where Democratic mayors point to this issue more than Republicans. The differences that we observe across parties can stem both from the issues that resonate with constituents in each party, perhaps because of national partisan rhetoric, as well as differences in the types of cities that elect Democrats and Republicans. Over half of the mayors representing large cities in our data are Democrats (55 percent), compared to 30 percent Republican and 14 percent Independent.

Table 2. Issues at stake in incidents of threats and violence

Issue Area	Overall (%)	Party		
		Democrat (%)	Republican (%)	Independent (%)
Lack of government responsiveness	63	61	61	70
Immigration	35	33	37	32
Guns and crime	31	41	26	30
Health (COVID, vaccines, etc.)	26	27	26	24
Election Integrity	25	22	28	23
Education (CRT, book bans, etc.)	20	22	20	17
Climate change/environment	10	9	10	11
Abortion	7	9	7	6
Foreign policy	7	10	7	5

Note: Respondents selected the three issues they thought were most often invoked in incidents of threats and violence. 7% of respondents indicated 'not sure' and 23% of respondents selected 'other' (volunteering issues such as LGBTQ policy, general grievances about government functioning, opposition to local economic growth plans, among others). While mayors do not make foreign policy decisions, protests during the Israel /Gaza and Russia/Ukraine conflicts may have involved mayors and city government.

Security Solutions Currently Implemented

Some mayors represent small towns or cities where there are few staff and the mayor handles most of the interactions with constituents. In larger cities, mayors may rely more on staff as intermediaries with the public. The visibility of the mayor as a public persona and as a target of media coverage may also vary across city size. As a result, the needs and demands for security may be different depending on the size of the city.

A majority (63 percent) of mayors report that their office has enacted at least one security measure to address harassment, threats, and violence. However, there is no uniformity in the types of measures taken. Table 3 reports the percentage of mayors who indicated that their office has implemented a range of specific security measures to address threats and violence. The table organizes security measures by those that focus on protection for the mayor and those that focus on training and preparedness. Nearly one-third of mayors report that they have sought to

protect their personal data or have installed a security system at their home. Uptake of both solutions is substantially higher in large cities compared to small cities. About one-fifth report asking police to routinely drive by the mayor's house.

Training and preparation measures also vary by population size. Only 14 percent of mayors representing small cities report having active shooter trainings, compared to 40 percent of mayors from large cities. Similar differences emerge for safety trainings and threat assessment plans.

Although uptake of specific solutions is low, overall satisfaction with workplace security measures is high: 89 percent of mayors report being somewhat or very satisfied with the security measures their office has taken.

Table 3. Security measures implemented to address political violence

Type of security measure	Overall (%)	Population Size		
		Small (<10K) (%)	Medium (10-50K) (%)	Large (>50K) (%)
Protection:				
Protect personal data	28	25	32	42
Home security	27	22	38	47
Police patrol by mayor's house	21	21	23	25
Varied driving routine to/from work	9	7	15	20
Office alarm	10	8	15	21
Unlisted number	7	7	9	14
Police monitor social media for threats	6	4	9	20
Training/Preparedness:				
Active shooter training	17	14	25	40
Safety training	11	8	17	25
Mental health support for mayor/staff	8	7	12	8
De-escalation training for mayor/staff	7	6	11	10
Threat assessment plan	7	4	10	25

Note: The table reports the percentage of mayors who indicated that their office has implemented a given security solution. Less than 5% of mayors selected the following items: taking out a restraining order (4%), requesting that police prioritize calls from the mayor's house (4%), having staff trained in situational awareness drive mayor to event (2%), and holding trainings to reduce burnout among mayor/staff (3%). 12% of mayors reported 'other' solutions (and volunteered solutions such as carrying a

firearm, building access controls, taking precautions such as walking to car with others/not working alone, requesting a police detail at events, among others).

Support for Potential Solutions

Despite high satisfaction with what is in place, mayors support the implementation of additional measures. There is widespread and bipartisan support for a range of policies that would help reduce exposure to threats and violence targeting elected officials or help mitigate the impact. Table 4 reports the percentage of mayors who strongly or somewhat support each policy proposal for addressing threats and violence. Mayors express almost universal support for de-escalation training (93 percent) and comprehensive threat assessment plans (87 percent). There is also widespread and bipartisan support for mental health support and preventing candidates' personal information from being on the public record. Support is more modest, though still a majority among all groups, for funding security at elected officials' private residences and having law enforcement monitor officials' social media for threats. Mayors expressed the lowest level of support for providing a security detail for elected officials. Majority support tends to be similar across parties, though the magnitude of support tends to be lower among Republicans and Independents relative to Democrats.

Table 4. Support for policy proposals to address threats and violence

Policy Proposal	Overall (%)	Party		
		Democrat (%)	Republican (%)	Independent (%)
Provide de-escalation training to officials and staff	93	95	91	93
Provide a comprehensive threat assessment plan	87	89	88	86
Provide mental health support services for officials and staff	81	91	75	81
Prevent candidate personal information from being on public record	70	72	72	67
Fund alarms/cameras at official's private residence	58	66	58	50
Have law enforcement monitor officials' social media for threats	57	59	57	54
Provide police security detail to elected official	42	49	41	35

Note: The table shows the percentage of mayors who strongly or somewhat support each proposal.

Resilience

Despite the challenges that harassment, threats, and violence pose for mayors, America's public servants are resilient. Nearly all mayors (90 percent) strongly agree that they are very committed to their work in public service. Over half (52 percent) strongly agree that they have a civic duty to do this job, even if it comes with threats. When taking stock of both the challenging and rewarding aspects of the job, a majority (61 percent) of mayors report being very satisfied with their job, and 97 percent report being somewhat or very satisfied. Of course, the most dissatisfied and discouraged mayors may have left public service.

Conclusions

Mayors and other top municipal officials play a key role in governing and helping address the needs of their community. However, this position often puts mayors at risk of intercepting harassment, threats, and violence from the public. Our research reveals that political violence is a widespread problem, affecting a large fraction of mayors. The root causes stem from both partisan animosity – often from the opposing party and more rarely from a mayor's own party – and non-partisan constituency service pressures. Constituents who are frustrated by a lack of government responsiveness or in need of services may lash out at mayors and their staff. Many local governments have begun to take steps to mitigate the problem of political violence or help elected officials and their staff cope, but more can be done. There is broad and bipartisan support for a range of solutions that would protect mayors and their staff.

Overview of Methods

This report draws on surveys of 2,110 mayors and other top elected municipal executives distributed between September 2, 2025 and December 10, 2025. Mailed surveys were accepted throughout 2026, with the last survey in the dataset returned July 23, 2026. The surveys were conducted by researchers at the University of Illinois Chicago, University of Massachusetts Lowell, and Northwestern University.

The survey is weighted to population benchmarks on sex, race, census region, population size, and age.

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Outlook

Re: Formal Complaint

From Alex Elsenheimer <aelsenheimer@marqroadmi.gov>
Date Wed 10/14/2026 11:46 AM
To TildenDepTreasurer <TildenDepTreasurer@tildentwp.org>; Tilden Clerk <TildenClerk@tildentwp.org>; Tilden Township <TildenTwp@tildentwp.org>
Cc Peter Duex <pduex@marqroadmi.gov>; Ross Olsen <rolsen@marqroadmi.gov>; MCRC Admin <mcrcadmin@marqroadmi.gov>

Note our domain has changed from marqroad.org to marqroadmi.gov. Please update your address book accordingly.

Hello,

Thank you for reaching out with your concerns. We have reviewed the area referenced in your letter and determined that downstream flow restrictions outside of our jurisdiction, combined with the natural watershed topography, limit the overall drainage capacity of the system.

The Marquette County Road Commission plans to install a cross culvert on CR 476 south of CR PD to help alleviate surface water in this specific area due to the downstream barriers of the flow to the existing culvert across CR 476. This new culvert is intended to improve the movement of drainage for a portion of the watershed system; however, the drainage system as a whole will continue to experience limitations due to the downstream barriers previously noted.

The existing culverts in the area referenced in your letter were inspected in the field and found to be open and operational.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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Marquette County Road Commission

From: MCRC Admin <mcrcadmin@marqroadmi.gov>
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To: Alex Elsenheimer <aelsenheimer@marqroadmi.gov>; Peter Duex <pduex@marqroadmi.gov>; Ross

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE CENTRAL UPPER PENINSULA MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Planning Committee (CUPMMPC) will be held on Thursday October 22, 2026 at 1:00pm ET in the Board Room of the Delta County Service Center, 2920 College Avenue Escanaba, MI 49829 and online. The CUPMMPC is a joint body of representatives with responsibility for the creation of a Materials Management Plan regulating solid waste disposal, recycling, and composting activities within Alger, Delta, Dickinson, Marquette, Menominee, and Schoolcraft Counties. This meeting will include review and approval of the draft Central Upper Peninsula Materials Management Plan, and adoption timeline update.

To request further information or notice of meetings, please contact Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development (CUPPAD) using www.cuppad.org/contact. Meeting participation information, information on the Committee, and materials management planning can be found at www.cuppad.org/materials-management.

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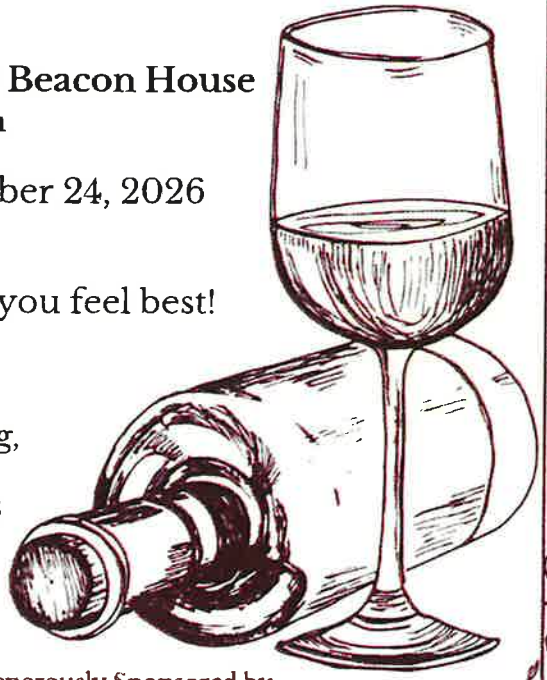
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Todd and Sarah are very unpretentious when it comes to wine tasting, which makes this evening light-hearted, fun, and absolutely delicious! We'll be tasting the spectacular wines of Anderson's Conn Valley with the opportunity acquire rare bottles of your own.

Relax, sip, swirl and snack with fellow wine enthusiasts as Todd regales you with his insider intel.

Todd, a native Yooper, recalls hanging out with the "old timers" who built Napa when less than 80 people made wine in the Valley and Sarah's family was selling wine grapes to all his mentors before he was in business. He learned what they were doing, and then in 1988, he made a Cabernet Sauvignon released in 1991 that the **Wine Spectator** listed as one of the **world's top wines.**

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