



# 2017 MARQUETTE COUNTY DIRECTORY



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Vice-Chairperson Joseph Derocha

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District 2

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Commissioner Stephen Adamini  
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Commissioner Karen L. Alholm

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District 3  
District 5  
District 6

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Linda K. Talsma, Marquette County Clerk

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## **HISTORICAL SKETCH OF MARQUETTE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Marquette County, named in honor of the Jesuit priest and explorer Jacques Marquette, lies in the rich iron-ore district of the north-central Upper Peninsula. To the east are Delta and Alger Counties, to the south Dickinson and Menominee, to the west Iron and Baraga. Lake Superior established the northern boundary. These lines were set in 1843, when the Upper Peninsula was divided into six counties established simultaneously to facilitate the completion of a topographical survey being taken by the eminent geologist and surveyor, Dr. Douglas Houghton. Marquette County was not formally organized, however, until April 4, 1848.

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### **STATEHOOD OF MICHIGAN**

Congressional recognition of Michigan as a state in the union was delayed by a dispute with Ohio about Michigan's southern boundary. In 1835, the people of Michigan adopted a state constitution, and elected a complete set of state officers with Stevens T. Mason as Governor. Later, this constitution of 1835 was accepted by Congress without re-adoption. The original delegate was seated in Congress without re-election after the formal recognition of the State by Congress (January 26, 1837).

The boundary question was settled in 1837 in favor of Ohio when Michigan acquired the Upper Peninsula, then but little known, as compensation for the loss on the south.

### **HISTORY OF THE MARQUETTE COUNTY**

## **COURTHOUSE**

In 1857, the first Marquette County courthouse, a wooden Greek Revival structure, was built on this site. By the turn of the century, that structure had become inadequate. In 1902, voters approved the issuance of \$120,000 worth of bonds to construct a new courthouse. The earlier structure was moved off the site, and the county hired Marquette architect D. Fred Charlton (Charlton, Gilbert & Demar/Charlton & Kuenzli) to design the building. Northern Construction Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was hired to construct the building. The county eventually spent \$240,000 to complete the structure; it was completed in 1904.

The courthouse was the site of a famous 1913 libel case, where President Theodore Roosevelt won a judgment against Ishpeming newspaper publisher George Newett.

Roosevelt was awarded six cents, "the price of a good newspaper." Another later case tried here inspired John D. Voelker's novel, Anatomy of a Murder. The 1959 movie version of the novel, directed by Otto Preminger, was filmed in the courthouse.

In 1982–84, the courthouse was renovated at a cost of \$2.4 million. A new courthouse and jail was built nearby, connected by a tunnel, but the 1904 building remains in use.

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### **\*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE\***

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, One Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all."

### **\*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE MICHIGAN FLAG\***

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of Michigan, and the State for which it stands, two beautiful peninsulas united by a bridge of steel, where equal opportunity and justice to all is our ideal."

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Linda K. Talsma	County Clerk
Cheryl J. Hubbard	Chief Deputy County Clerk
Carolee N. Smith	Deputy County Clerk III, Circuit Court
Debra Palm	Deputy County Clerk II, Circuit Court
Jill Jarvi	Deputy County Clerk II, Circuit Court
Tonya Nelson	Deputy Clerk II, Vital Records

### Courthouse Annex

**Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

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Marquette, MI 49855

PH: (906) 225-8330 FAX: (906) 228-1572

### Ishpeming Service Center

**Office Hours: Wednesday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

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Ishpeming, MI 49849

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**ANNUAL ELECTIONS**

May 2, 2017

August 8, 2017

November 7, 2017

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK**

The County Clerk acts as a general secretary to the County.

- Maintenance of public records
- Clerk of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners
- Clerk of the Circuit Court
- Administrator of elections
- Passport agent.

Public records which must be maintained according to law, including those of births, deaths, marriages, concealed weapons permits, notaries public, assumed names, Circuit Court files, and minutes, resolutions, and contracts approved by the County Board.

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**First Records on File in the County Clerk's Office**

Birth Records	1867
Death Records	1867
Marriage Records	1850
Circuit Court Records	1869

## **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**2-Year Terms Ending December 31, 2018**

### **Johnny DePetro**

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**Lisa Hammill, Administrative Aide**

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Marquette County Website: [www.co.marquette.mi.us](http://www.co.marquette.mi.us)

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS  
2017 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

All meetings are held on Tuesday at 6:00 P.M. in  
Room 231 of the  
Henry A. Skewis Courthouse Annex, Marquette,  
Michigan unless otherwise noted.

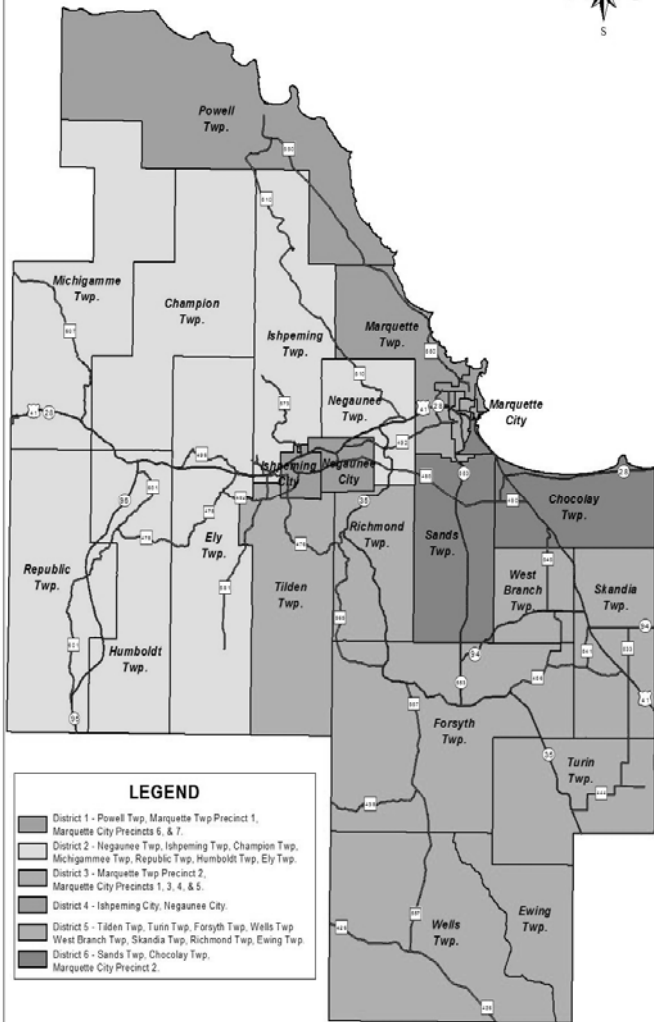
*Any Changes to the Meeting Schedule or Location will  
be noted on the Marquette County Website:  
[www.com.marquette.mi.us](http://www.com.marquette.mi.us)*

January 3, 2017 <i>(Organizational Meeting)</i>	July 5, 2017 (Wednesday)
January 17, 2017	July 18, 2017
February 7, 2017	August 1, 2017
February 21, 2017	August 15, 2017
March 7, 2017	September 5, 2017
March 21, 2017	September 19, 2017
April 4, 2017	October 3, 2017
April 11, 2017 <i>(Equalization Meeting- State Mandated Date)</i>	October 17, 2017 (Annual Meeting)
April 18, 2017	November 7, 2017
May 2, 2017	November 21, 2017
May 16, 2017	December 5, 2017
June 6, 2017	December 19, 2017
June 20, 2017	

**Charter Communication televises County  
Board meetings on local  
Charter channel number 188**



# Marquette County Commissioner Districts



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## **COMMISSIONER - BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS**

**Commissioner District 1** - Marquette Township – Precinct 1 (North of US 41), Powell Township, Marquette City Precincts 6 & 7 (From the City boundary, North of Wright Street, to East of Lincoln Avenue, to North of Fair Avenue, to East of Seventh Street, along the NMU property line, to North of Kaye Avenue, to West of Presque Isle Avenue, to North of Fair Street, to East of Front Street, to North of Ridge Street, to Lake Superior).

**Commissioner District 2** – Champion Township, Ely Township, Humboldt Township, Ishpeming Township, Michigamme Township, Negaunee Township, Republic Township.

**Commissioner District 3** - Marquette Township - Precinct 2 (South of US-41), Marquette City Precinct 1, 3, 4, & 5 (From the City Boundary, South of Wright Street, to West of Lincoln Avenue, to South of Fair Avenue, to West of 7<sup>th</sup> Street, along the NMU Property Line, to South of Kaye Avenue, to East of Presque Isle Avenue, to South of Fair Avenue, to West of Front Street, to South of Ridge Street, to Lake Superior and from the City Boundary, West of M-553 to West of Division Street, to South of Pioneer Road, to West of Altamont Street, to North of Washington Street, to East of Fourth Street, to North of Fisher Street, to East of Front Street, to North of Whetstone Brook).

**Commissioner District 4** - Ishpeming City, Negaunee City

**Commissioner District 5** – Ewing Township, Forsyth Township, Richmond Township, Skandia Township, Tilden Township, Turin Township, Wells Township, West Branch Township.

**Commissioner District 6** – Chocolay Township, Sands Township, Marquette City - Precinct 2 (From the City Boundary, East of M-553, to East of Division Street, to North of Pioneer Road, to East of Altamont Street, to South of Washington Street, to West of Fourth Street, to South of Fisher Street, to West of Front Street, to South of Whetstone Brook).



## **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY TREASURER**

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### **ANNE GIROUX, COUNTY TREASURER**

Kamila Fassbender, Deputy Treasurer III

Nick Benson, Deputy Treasurer II

Christine Miller, Deputy Treasurer I

The Michigan State Constitution established the office of County Treasurer as well as most of the duties of the office. Some of those duties include:

Custodian of County Funds The Treasurer acts as the custodian of all county funds, and as such is responsible for receipting, recording and investing all money received by the various departments within the County. As Investment Officer for the County, the Treasurer is responsible for the safeguarding and investing of these monies, acting in accordance with the County's Investment Policy.

Tax Collector The Treasurer is responsible for the collection of delinquent real property taxes as well as forfeiture and foreclosure proceedings for non-payment of those taxes. The Treasurer is the Foreclosing Governmental Unit in Marquette County.

Some other duties of the Treasurer include dog license sales, providing tax histories and millage information, serving on the County Land Bank Authority, County Brownfield Authority, Election Commission and Plat Board.

## **OFFICE OF THE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS**

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### **CARLA A. L'HUILLIER, REGISTER OF DEEDS**

Denise Nurkala, Chief Deputy

Cynthia Laitinen, Deputy Register of Deeds II

The Register of Deeds is the official recording office of all land records in Marquette County. This office is responsible for receiving, scanning and delivery for Deeds, Mortgages, Satisfactions/Discharges, Tax Liens, Sheriffs Deeds, Surveys, Land Corners, Plats and Condominiums.

Records go back to 1854. Computer images are available from 1984 to present. The Register of Deeds also serves as Chairman of the County Plat Boards and serves as Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Remonumentation Committee.

# MARQUETTE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## Matt Wiese, Prosecuting Attorney



The Marquette County Prosecuting Attorney oversees the largest prosecutor's office north of Bay City, Michigan. We are funded by County general fund dollars and employ 6 attorneys and 5 support staff. Each year we process approximately 2,000-3,000 misdemeanors, 400-700 felonies, a large number of probate cases, actions for child support and paternity, and handle all

criminal appeals to the Michigan Court of Appeals and the Michigan Supreme Court.

The Prosecutor's office utilizes the most recent technologies for law enforcement and provides leadership and training across the U.P. to police agencies and prosecutors. We are one of six jurisdictions in the country that are implementing the Blueprint for Safety, a model domestic violence project funded by a \$419,000 grant from the US Department of Justice. Cindy Boyer serves as our victim/witness coordinator to assist victims of crime with the criminal justice process. Additionally, our office utilizes the services of "Harv" an English Lab canine advocate, who is a certified service dog that provides friendly and comforting support to victims of crime.

### **Prosecuting Attorney's Office Attorney's and Staff:**

Andy Griffin, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Dianne Heitman, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Jill Simms, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Jenna Nelson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Cindy Boyer, Victim/Witness Coordinator & Office Manager

Sandy Place, Legal Secretary

Jodi Mallett, Legal Secretary

Haley Thomas, Legal Secretary

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## Marquette County Population Change 2010-2012

	<b>2010 Population (Census)</b>	<b>2012 Population (Census)</b>	<b>Change 2010- 2012</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Champion Twp.	297	301	4	1.3
Chocolay Twp.	5,903	5,999	96	1.6
Ely Twp.	1,952	1,981	29	1.5
Ewing Twp.	160	162	2	1.3
Forsyth Twp.	6,164	6,250	86	1.4
Humboldt Twp.	464	470	6	1.3
City of Ishpeming	6,470	6,555	85	1.3
Ishpeming Twp.	3,513	3,564	51	1.5
City of Mqt.	21,355	21,532	177	0.8
Marquette Twp.	3,905	3,961	56	1.4
Michigamme Twp.	349	354	5	1.4
City of Negaunee	4,568	4,630	62	1.4
Negaunee Twp.	3,088	3,133	45	1.5
Powell Twp.	816	825	9	1.1
Republic Twp.	1,060	1,076	16	1.5
Richmond Twp.	882	896	14	1.6
Sands Twp.	2,285	2,316	31	1.4
Skandia Twp.	826	838	12	1.5
Tilden Twp.	1,013	1,027	14	1.4
Turin Twp.	153	155	2	1.3
Wells Twp.	231	234	3	1.3
West Branch Twp.	1,623	1,647	24	1.5
<b>Marquette County</b>	<b>67,077</b>	<b>67,906</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>1.2</b>