

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners, in an effort to familiarize the public with the various boards and commissions appointed by the County Board provides this summary of the functions, composition and terms of office of each board and commission. The Marquette County Board of Commissioners encourages interested and qualified individuals to apply for the available positions.

AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Committee will advise the Board of Commissioners on services that should receive funding from the county senior services millage. The Committee shall provide opportunities for involvement by individuals with geriatric and senior care knowledge and experience. The Committee shall exchange, discuss, review, and gather information on aging issues to assist in developing recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. The Committee shall consist of eight members appointed to two-year terms as follows: 1 professional from the field of geriatrics, 1 social service professional, 1 person knowledgeable about business and financial management, 1 county commissioner ex-officio, 4 persons with a demonstrated awareness, concern, and interest in improving services to the aging.

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD

The Airport Advisory Board is established by the County Board to advise the Director of Operations and the County Board on policy and programs of the Airport. The committee shall consist of seven (7) members appointed to two year terms as follows: 1 County Commissioner, 1 Representative of the Michigan Department of Transportation, 1 Representative of the Sawyer Control Tower, 1 Representative of the Fixed Base Operator, 1 Representative of General Aviation, 1 Representative from the Airlines, and 1 Representative at Large.

AIRPORT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Any construction or establishment of new land uses within 10 miles of Sawyer International Airport requires an Airport Zoning Compliance Permit. If a permit is denied, the applicant may appeal this decision to the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals (AZBA). The AZBA holds public hearings where evidence is presented and testimony given in order to determine if waiver from the literal interpretation of the Airport Zoning Ordinance can be granted without endangering public safety or being contrary to the public interest. The Board holds a scheduled annual organizational meeting with subsequent meetings being at the call of the chair as hearing requests are received. (3-year terms).

BOARD OF CANVASSERS

The Board of Canvassers reviews and certifies the election results by precinct for all local, state, and federal elections, and also oversees any recounts. The Board of Canvassers consists of four members, two Democrats and two Republicans, nominated by their political parties and appointed by the County Board to 4-year terms. The County Clerk acts as Secretary to the Board of Canvassers.

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Health Board governs the operations of the Marquette County Health Department through its director, and also acts as the Board of Appeals for all water, sewer, or health permit appeals received by the Health Department. It is a seven-member body six of which are appointed to 3-year terms of office. Both sexes should be represented. One member must be a doctor of medicine or a doctor of osteopathy, and one member must be a County Commissioner (1-year term).

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Marquette County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority was created on August 3, 2010 under the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, PA 381 of 1996, as amended. The Authority consists of 8 members representing the following categories: Marquette County Economic Development Corporation; Marquette County Planning Commission; Economic/Property Developer; Local Government Representative; Real Estate; Engineering/Construction; County Treasurer; County Commissioner, serving staggered 3-year terms. Per the Authority's bylaws, the intent of the authority is to facilitate the implementation of Brownfield plans relative to the designation and treatment of qualified Brownfield Redevelopment projects, educate the public and promote the benefits of the Brownfield Program throughout Marquette County to encourage revitalization of environmentally distressed areas, determine the captured taxable value of each parcel of eligible property, and pursue avenues to sustain, supplement, or enhance the program either through grants or other means.

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

This Board is a five-member board appointed for 2-year terms which hears appeals regarding Building Code Department decisions and may allow variances in certain areas.

CENTRAL DISPATCH POLICY BOARD

This Board is an 18-member board comprised of one (1) County Commissioner; one (1) representative of the City of Ishpeming; one (1) representative of the City of Marquette; one (1) representative of the City of Negaunee; four (4) representatives of local townships after receipt of recommendations from the MCTA; one (1) citizen at large; one (1) representative of a county police agency; three (3) representatives of county fire departments; three (3) representatives of county emergency medical service groups; one (1) sheriff's representative chosen by the Michigan Sheriff's Association; and one (1) representative appointed by the Michigan State Police. This Board oversees the operation of the Marquette County Central Dispatch Communications System. Terms are three years with the exception of the County Commissioner who shall serve a one-year term.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

The County Advisory Board is a 13-member body responsible for developing comprehensive community corrections plans and applying for funding in the Office of Community Alternatives (OCA) within the Michigan Department of Corrections in order to carry out the plan through its coordinator. Seven are designated by law from various County Department Heads. Six to be appointed in the following categories: Police Chief, Media, Community Alternative Program, Business, Criminal Defense Attorney, and General Public. The CCAB oversees such programs as tethering as an alternative to incarceration and the victim rights fund.

CUPPAD

CUPPAD is a regional planning commission serving the 6 central counties of the U.P. (Alger, Delta, Dickinson, Marquette, Menominee & Schoolcraft). The basic purpose of the CUPPAD Regional Commission is to foster cooperative analysis, planning and action for economic, social, and physical development and conservation within the central U.P. The Commission partners with our local units of government and a number of economic development organizations in its efforts to strengthen the local economy.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES BOARD

The Department of Human Services Board is a three member body appointed to 3-year terms. Two of the appointments are made by the County Board, and the remaining appointment by the Governor through the Director of the State Department Human Services. The DHS Board directs the operations of social services through its director and its responsible for maintaining and operating the Marquette County Medical Care Facility.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MARQUETTE COUNTY

This is a nine-member body responsible for encouraging the development of our local economy by implementing programs through its director. Seven members are appointed to 6-year staggered terms in the following categories: Manufacturing, Hospitality and Retail, Medical Service, Individuals and Organizations, Financial, Utilities and Transportation, and Developers. Two members are County Commissioner, appointed to 1-year terms.

FORESTRY COMMISSION

The Forestry Commission is a sub-committee of the Planning Commission and consists of three members of the Planning Commission one of which is a County Commissioner. The Forestry Commission manages timber resources on County owned lands and has budgetary responsibility for County recreation facilities.

JURY BOARD

The Jury Board consists of three qualified electors of the County appointed by the County Board of Commissioners on recommendation of the circuit judges of the judicial circuit in which the County is situated, not more than 2 of whom shall be members of the same political party. The appointments shall be for 6-year terms. The Jury Board shall select from a list that combines the driver's license list and the personal identification cardholder list the names of persons to serve as jurors for the Marquette County Court System (Circuit Court, District Court, Probate Court).

LAND BANK AUTHORITY

The Marquette County Land Bank Authority was formed in May 2009. The mission of the Marquette County Land Bank Authority is to work collaboratively with local governmental units and community organizations, in finding the best way to return tax-foreclosed properties to the tax roll.

MARQUETTE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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

MARQUETTE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

The County Medical Examiner is responsible for the office of County Medical Examiner and investigates the cause and manner of death of an individual if the individual dies by violence, the individual's death is unexpected, or the individual dies unattended by a nurse or physician under some circumstances. County Medical Examiners must be physicians licensed to practice in Michigan. The position is for a four-year term.

PATHWAYS (COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD)

The Pathways Board governs the operations of the Mental Health Program in Alger, Delta, Luce, and Marquette Counties. The composition of the board includes representatives of providers of mental health recipients or consumers of mental health services, agencies and occupations having a working involvement with mental health services, and the general public. It is a twelve-member body with up to six being public official members and the remainder being private citizens. A public official is defined as someone who works 20 hours or more per week for federal, state, or local government. Six of the appointments are made by the Marquette County Board, four made by the Delta County Board, one by the Alger County Board, and one by the Luce County Board to 3-year terms.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Marquette County Planning Commission consists of seven members* one of which must be a County Commissioner. Its main duty is to carry out the county comprehensive plan. The Planning Commission is also involved in solid waste issues and recreational planning. Each member is appointed to a 3-year term.

**The Marquette County Board of Commissioners at their December 14, 2010 meeting adopted the Marquette County Planning Commission Ordinance adding a 7th member to the Marquette County Planning Commission. It is the intent of the County Board to fill the vacancy with representation of an educational interest. The initial term is for one year.*

REMONUMENTATION PEER GROUP

The “Peer Group” is a six-member committee appointed to staggered 3-year terms whose purpose is to ratify corners established under the County’s Monumentation/Remonumentation Plan. One member must be a licensed surveyor and a public employee, three members must be licensed surveyors from the private sector, one public member who is not a licensed surveyor must represent geographic information systems or the land management community, and one member is the County Remonumentation Representative. Two alternates will also be chosen from qualified licensed surveyor applicants.

ROAD COMMISSION

The County Road Commission is a five-member body appointed to 6-year terms. It is the governing body of the road and highway transportation system in the County and as such is responsible for carrying out the duties imposed by state law and by the County Board.

MARQUETTE COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

The Solid Waste Authority is a seven-member board with three members appointed by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners to staggered 3-year terms. The remaining members are appointed by the City of Marquette (two), one authority appointment, with the Chairperson being from Sands Township. The Authority assumes the responsibilities and obligations, undertakings and disposition for Marquette County municipalities under an Interlocal Agreement for the operation and management of the Solid Waste Management System Facility.

An application must be on file to be considered for appointment by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners. Application forms are available in the County Clerk’s Office 234 W. Baraga Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855. Phone (906)225-8330.

An application form is available from the website. www.co.marquette.mi.us.

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