

Marquette County Transit Authority
1325 Commerce Drive
Marquette, MI 49855
Board Meeting Minutes 2/19/2026

Call to Order:

6:00 pm by Chairman Sean Hobbins

Roll Call:

Present: Kevin Flohe, Sean Hobbins, Taylor Klipp, Jim Nankervis, Barb Owdziej, Tim Overmyer, Dawn Schuhknecht, JoEllen Yeadon, Bill Geller-Executive Director, Kristine McDonald-Finance Officer, Janet Cobb-Administrative Assistant, Mike Richer- Operations Manager

Absent: Ed Anderson, Matt Barnhart, Jamie Glenn

Motion by Overmyer, supported by Schuhknecht to excuse Anderson, Barnhart and Glenn, motion passed.

Minutes from January 15th meeting:

Motion by Nankervis, supported by Schuhknecht to approve, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Owdziej, supported by Yeadon to approve consent agenda which consisted of

- A. Approve Accounts Payable for January 2026 in the amount of \$120,093.90 and Payroll in the amount of \$111,970.20
- B. Monthly Operating Report
- C. Monthly Fleet Incident Report
- D. Budget Report December 2025

Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Nankervis and supported by Schuhknecht to approve agenda, Hobbins made the addition to report that he has created a matrix of short-term goals which he presented to Geller which can be discussed at next month's meeting. Motion passed.

Opportunity for Citizens to address the Authority:

Adam Kall, of 58 E Johnson Lake Rd Gwinn remarks that KI Sawyer is a "food desert" and reports residents need transportation to food pantry's in Gwinn and Marquette. He is unsure if this is due to a lack of understanding around bus routes and requests Marq-tran provide transportation specifically to these food pantries. He asks about carry on package limits listed on the Authority's website.

In Response:

Geller reports he received a letter from an individual who runs the pantry, and tried several times to reach out by phone. States they haven't returned his call. Fixed routes go to those locations. Richer clarified that door to door service does not have package limits "within reason", and will clarify instructions on website. Hobbins suggested the food pantry's might post route information for these residents at the sites. Kall states he will take this information back to the food pantries.

Action Items:

Committee assignments were reviewed with the Board. A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for 2/26/26 via Zoom.

Executive Directors Report:

Geller reports that QRYDE training has started, noting drivers need to be trained over a period of 4-5 days, in small groups. States Dispatch has been using the system.

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Geller states he has received funding for 2 new medium duty buses and 2 transit vans and is in the process of placing an order. Regarding roof repair, he has applied for funding from the State and hopes to receive this for 2027. States he is meeting with MDOT administrator on February 23, regarding the Mobility Wallet to discuss next steps. He has inquired with QRYDE, for payment system, and states they offer a "card" which is preloaded funds, which is scanned by the driver. Geller states he doesn't want to have another App as there is already several that are needed for QRYDE. The current priority is to get QRYDE up and fully functional then figure out a payment system. Geller reports they are in the middle of the audit, and asks that the board members who were asked, respond to the inquiry. He also reports that they will be soliciting bids for cement repair outside which will remedy the regular displacement of a manhole cover.

Board Members Comments:

Owdziej stated she will miss next month's meeting

Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Authority:

None

Adjournment:

at 6:32pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Owdziej
Secretary