

Marquette County Transit Authority
1325 Commerce Dr Marquette, MI 4855
Board Meeting Minutes August 20,2026

Call to Order:

6pm by Chairperson Sean Hobbins

Present: Ed Anderson, Sean Hobbins,, Jim Nankervis, Tim Overmyer, Barb Owdziej, Jo Ellen Yeadon Bill Geller- Executive Director, Kristine McDonnell-Finance Officer, Janet Cobb- Administrative Assistant, Mike Richer- Operations Manager
Excused or Absent: Kevin Flohe, Jamie Glenn, Taylor Klipp, Dawn Schuhnecht

Motion by Anderson and supported by Owdziej to excuse Flohe, Glenn, Klipp and Schuhknecht, motion carried.

Minutes from July 16th meeting;

Motion to approve minutes from July 16th meeting made by Owdziej, and supported by Yeadon, motion approved.

Consent Agenda:

Motion made by Anderson and supported by Nankervis to approve Consent Agenda from July 16th as well as the Consent Agenda for tonight's meeting which included:

- A. Approve Accounts Payable for June 2026 in the amount of \$216,430.44 and Payroll in the amount of \$109,210.34 as well as Accounts Payable for July 2026 in the amount of \$167,233.09 and Payroll in the amount of \$113,278.31
- B. Monthly Operating Report
- C. Monthly Fleet Incident Report
- D. Budget report May 2026 and June 2026

Motion carried

Approval of Agenda :

Motion by Owdziej and supported by Nankervis to approve today's agenda, motion carried

Opportunity for Citizens to Address the Authority:

No public present at tonights meeting

Action Items:

- 1. Agenda's and minutes approved in earlier motion
- 2. Finance Committee meeting had been scheduled earlier for September 15th at 12 noon
- 3. Funding for website development: Chairperson Hobbins recognizes the efforts by "We the People" in advocating for support from the Marquette County Board, specifically when requesting financial support from the County for website development. Hobbins said the Board may have failed to clarify their own investment in website improvement as well as their ability and willingness to finance this improvement. The requests made by We the People at the County meeting raised some concerns from the County Commissioners around the Authority's ability to handle their own finances. Overmyer said he felt that it was important that We the People did not speak for Marqtran. Hobbins and Geller both state that there is no need for County oversight for the Authority. Geller states he's talked to the website developer who suggested a survey for users to determine what they'd like to see on a website and will update the Board at the next meeting. Richer reiterated that the authority is still waiting on the dispatch software to see what might work for the website.

Old or New business:

ED report:

Geller presented the millage results, which passed in every township, and city with the “highest numbers yet”. The Authority is posting a “Thank You” in the Marquette Monthly as well as on Facebook. He reminds the Board that the September Board meeting is in Ishpeming. Geller attended the MPTA Annual Conference on August 17-19th. He also reports various recent improvements at the Marquette facility including new cement for the fuel pumps, as well as computer and camera replacements, all funded by grants. Janet and Rich will represent MarqTran at NMU Fall fest. Hobbins asked about the free rides for students, Geller states ridership was up though he doesn’t have numbers. Overmyer suggested that it would be good to track numbers, Anderson states he heard it advertised on the radio. Geller states that they renewed the contract with NMU for the “shopper” as well as three hockey games (on campus) and a family sugarloaf run.

Board member comments:

Nankervis reports that Linda Winslow has been appointed to the Board and has served on the Authority in the past.

Hobbins states there is a tentative agreement with the Union.

Adjournment

at 6:30 pm by Hobbins

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Owdziej
Secretary