



The League of Women Voters of Marquette County has compiled this overview of local government from several government websites. Further details, including people holding current positions, can be found at the links provided for each section.

Marquette County Local Government

<https://www.co.marquette.mi.us/index.php>

County Administrator (appointed)

- Carries out policy directives and is responsible for financial management of the County.

County Board of Commissioners (elected)

- Policy-making body with other groups carrying out county policies and/or advising the commissioners while they are in the process of making policy. Government in Marquette County is a network of interrelated boards, commissions and departments, which are semi-autonomous in that they are restricted by state policies and vary in their powers.

County Boards and Commissions (appointed)

- Aging Services Advisory committee
- Airport Advisory Board
- Board of Canvassers
- Board of Health
- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
- Building Code Board of Appeals
- Central Dispatch Policy Board
- Community corrections Advisory Board
- CUPPAD
- Department of Human Services Board
- Economic Development Corporation of Marquette County
- Forestry Commission
- Jury Board
- Land Bank Authority
- Marquette County Transit Authority
- Marquette County Medical Examiner
- Pathways (community Mental Health Board)
- Planning Commission
- Remonumentation Peer Group
- Road Commission
- Marquette County Solid Waste Authority

Elected Officials

- County Clerk
- County Treasurer
- Register of Deeds
- Drain commissioner
- Mine Inspector
- County Prosecutor
- County Sheriff

Marquette City

<https://www.marquettemi.gov>

City Commission

The City Commission acts as the legislative branch of city government. The City of Marquette elects seven commissioners during non-partisan, city-wide elections. Every year, the Commission elects one of its members to serve as mayor and one as mayor pro-tem. The Mayor Pro-Tem is authorized to act on behalf of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence. Commissioners serve three-year terms and may not serve more than two consecutive terms in office. The City Commission has the power to hire a city manager and city attorney, and to appoint citizens to serve on numerous advisory boards and commissions. All official action of the Commission is accomplished through ordinance, resolution, motion or order. The duties of the Commission are to represent the citizens of Marquette, establish policies and approve the budget. By law, the City Commission must conduct city business at public meetings held at least twice a month. Meetings are usually held in the City Hall Commission Chambers and the public may make comments or submit petitions on relevant issues.

Departments:

- City Clerk
- City Manager
- Community Development
- Community Services
- Facilities and Maintenance
- Financial Services
- Fire
- Human Resources
- Municipal Utilities
- Police
- Public Works

Boards and Committees (vacancies)

- Arts and Culture Advisory Committee (4)
- Board of Review (2)
- Board of Zoning Appeals (5)
- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (0)
- Downtown Development Authority (0)
- Election Boards (1)
- Local Development Finance Authority (6)
- Local Officers Compensation Commission (4)
- Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Advisory Board (1)
- Marquette Housing Commission (1)
- Parks and Recreation Advisory board (0)
- Peter White Public Library board of Trustees (0)
- Planning commission (0)
- Police fire Pension Board (2)
- Public Are Commission (1)
- Traffic/Parking Advisory Committee (2)

Negaunee City

<https://www.cityofnegaunee.com/>

Negaunee City Council

The Negaunee City Council is the elected representative body of the City of Negaunee. The council consist of seven members: six council members and the mayor. The Council's duties include the following: adopting ordinances and resolutions, setting financial policy, setting fee schedules, adopting budgets, issuing debt, entering into contracts and employing a city manager; among other powers granted by the City Charter and by the State of Michigan. The council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at the Negaunee Senior Center.

Ishpeming City

<https://ishpemingcity.org/>

Ishpeming City Council

The Ishpeming City Council consists of five (5) members elected from the City at large. Each council member serves a term of four (4) years and is limited to serve two (2) consecutive terms. The term of office for a newly elected council member and Mayor begins at the December organizational meeting.

The Mayor is elected at each General City Election. Those council members whose terms do not expire immediately following the General Election are automatically candidates for the office of Mayor.

Townships

Supervisor

- Moderates board and annual meetings
- Chief assessing officer (if certified)
- Secretary to board of review
- Township's legal agent
- Must maintain records of supervisor's office
- Responsible for tax allocation board budget (if applicable)
- Develops township budget
- Appoints some commission members
- May call special meetings
- May appoint a deput

Township Treasurer

- Collects real and personal property taxes
- Keeps an account of township receipts (revenues) and expenditures
- Issues township checks
- Deposits township revenues in approved depositories

- Invests township funds in approved investment vehicles
- Collects delinquent personal property tax
- Responsible for jeopardy assessments in collecting property tax
- Collects mobile home specific tax
- Must appoint a deputy
- Must post a surety bond

Township Clerk

- Maintains custody of all township records
- Maintains general ledger
- Prepares warrants for township checks
- Records and maintains township meeting minutes
- Keeps the township book of oaths
- Responsible for special meeting notices
- Publishes board meeting minutes (if taxable value is \$85 million in 2018, annually indexed, or a charter township)
- Keeps voter registration file and conducts elections
- Keeps township ordinance book
- Prepares financial statements
- Delivers tax certificates to supervisor and county clerk by September 30
- Must appoint a deputy
- Must post a surety bond

Trustee

- Township legislators, required to vote on all issues
- Responsible for township's fiduciary health
- Other duties as assigned by board

Link to township websites: https://www.co.marquette.mi.us/county_government/townships.php