



# MARQUETTE COUNTY AMBASSADORS

OUR MICROPOLITAN REGION IS UNIQUE. WE TURN OUR CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES AS WE CONTINUE TO PIONEER INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## EDUCATION

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### OUR PILLARS

Ensure that our public infrastructure meets the needs of all citizens and keeps pace with advanced technologies.

Support the funding and appropriate regulatory oversight required to efficiently and effectively run local government

Advocate for changes necessary in P-20 education to prepare students for careers of the future and to provide a skilled workforce to support the region's employers.

To sustain, grow and diversify the Upper Peninsula's vibrant economy and outstanding quality of life.

### CALL TO ACTION:

- ◆ Support utility corridor: Line 5 permitting and construction
- ◆ Expand high speed broadband
- ◆ Fund sustainable, permanent transportation infrastructure
- ◆ Maintain funding formula for Public Act 51
- ◆ Support future bills eliminating the "dark store" loop hole
- ◆ Sustain municipal finance and revenue sharing
- ◆ Oppose unfunded mandates
- ◆ Increase funding and awareness for CTE programming
- ◆ Consider U.P.'s vast geographic distances for education
  - ◆ Support sinking Fund Revenue availability for K-12 transportation budgets
  - ◆ Promote flexible options and investment in technology for distance and competency-based education
- ◆ Consider U.P.'s average household income
  - ◆ Support flexibility in dual/concurrent enrollment programs
  - ◆ Protect K-12 At-Risk funding
- ◆ Support investment in natural resource extraction industries
- ◆ Support continuation of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and flexible programming for rural areas
- ◆ Promote rural policies that move the U.P. forward

## FAST FACTS

3,425

SQ. MILES GEOGRAPHIC AREA

\$51,275

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$137,500

MEDIAN HOME SALES PRICE

**LARGEST COUNTY IN MICHIGAN**  
**MOST POPULOUS COUNTY IN THE U.P.**



**Marquette County Ambassadors**

OUR MISSION IS TO PROMOTE AND FOSTER ECONOMIC VITALITY THROUGHOUT MARQUETTE COUNTY AND THE UPPER PENINSULA, TO CARRY THE STORY OF THE MARQUETTE COUNTY AREA TO OTHERS, AND SALUTE THOSE WHO DESERVE RECOGNITION.

**Karen Anderson:** Director of HR & Administration/J.M. Longyear

**Dave Aro:** General Manager/Partner Superior Rehabilitation and Professional Services

**Jesse Bell:** President, Bell Financial Services

**Michele Butler:** Owner/Manager, Vangos

**Roxanne Daust:** President/COO, Range Bank

**Patricia Davis:** Attorney, Kendricks, Bordeau, Keefe, Seavoy & Larsen, P.C.

**Bryan DeAugustine:** Superintendent, NICE Community Schools

**Tom Edmark:** Senior Executive Consultant, Iron Range Agency

**Ania Ediger:** Manager/Government Relations, Cleveland-Cliffs, Inc.

**Sam Elder:** Associate Broker/VP, Elder Agency

**Susan Estler:** Director, Travel Marquette

**Mike Fedrizzi:** Director U.P. Regional Sales and Operations, Blue Cross Blue Shield Upper Peninsula

**Brett French:** VP of Business Development and Communications, Upper Peninsula Power Company

**James Grundstrom:** President, Frei Chevrolet

**Deanna Hemmila:** Director of Government Relations, Northern Michigan University

**Melissa Holmquist:** CEO, Upper Peninsula Health Plan

**Travis Hongisto:** Associate/Architect, Integrated Designs, Inc.

**Matt Johnson:** Manager of Government/Community Relations, Eagle Mine

**Scott Knaffla:** Financial Advisor Managing Director, Flourish Financial Partners

**Randy Larson:** Owner/General Manager, Ramada Inn

**Sean Leahy:** Associate Broker-Co Owner, Select Realty

**John Marshall:** Retired, President, LS&I Railroad

**Heather Mosher:** Advisor, VAST

**Keith Moyle:** Chief Operating Officer, Upper Peninsula Power Company

**Robert Raica:** Retired Director of Community Services, Upper Peninsula Home, Health, Hospice

**Tony Retaskie:** Executive Director, U.P. Construction Council

**Jesse Schramm:** CEO, Checker Transport & Schramm Properties

**Michelle Sellers:** VP Business Banking, Incredible Bank

**Steven VandenAvond:** VP for Extended Learning & Community Engagement, Northern Michigan University

**Dennis West:** President, Northern Initiatives

**Paul Wolfson:** Associate Broker, Select Realty

**Greg Zybur:** Sheriff, Marquette County

### Appointed Members

**Mike Angeli:** Manager, City of Marquette

**Amy Clickner:** CEO, Lake Superior Community Partnership

**Nate Heffron:** Manager, City of Negaunee

**Scott Erbisch:** County Administrator, Marquette County

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