

Intercounty Coordinating Committee

Adams, Columbia, Dodge, Green Lake, Jefferson, Juneau, Marquette,
Sauk & Waushara Counties

February 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Juneau County

200 Hickory St., Room 206, Mauston, WI 53948

Attendees: **Adams County**--Cynthia Haggard; **Columbia County**--Tess Carr, Doug Richmond, Brad Cook, Darren Schroeder; **Dodge County**--David Frohling; **Green Lake County**--Jason Jerome, Harley Reabe; **Jefferson County**--Steve Nass, **Juneau County**--Tim Cottingham; **Marquette County**--Ken Borzick; **Sauk County**--Bryant Hazard, Tim McCumber, Lisa Wilson; **Waushara County**--Megan Kapp, John Jarvis; **UW Extension**--Pat Malone (Green Lake), Karl Green, (Local Government Education), Pat Wagner (Area 12 Director); **WCA**--Colin Driscoll; **Representative Penterman's Office (AD38)**--Kathryn Heitman

1. Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair, Tim McCumber.
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Tim Cottingham.
3. The open meeting law requirements have been met by posting and notification.
4. Motion by Marquette/Columbia to adopt agenda. Carried.
5. Motion by Dodge/Columbia to approve minutes of the December 15, 2025 meeting. Carried.
6. Visiting Legislative Official: Kathryn Heitman of Representative Penterman's Office – AD38 was present and she gave a legislative update. Assembly meetings continue this week with a lot of bills to be taken up—some are related to EMS, tax credits for employer childcare; increase of military funeral reimbursement rate, and more.
7. Colin Driscoll, a WCA lobbyist, was present to provide an update on county issues WCA is working on. Topics reviewed: buildings, fixtures, improvements; court fees; utility aid payments; competitive bidding thresholds; sheriff statute clean-up; battery stewardship organization; stewardship.
8. Presentation: "County Development Incentives," by Karl Green, UW Extension Local Government Specialist—PowerPoint attached.
9. Open Discussion of County Issues---review of elections by county—a number of county seats are being contested; Steve Nass shared about Dane Co. collecting information / facts related to data centers and Nass suggests ICC invite them to a future ICC meeting; Columbia Co. shared concerns about DOT processes related to grants issued and more; resolutions for sustainable transportation funding, requested by WCA, are being supported by county boards; Dodge Co. correspondence person, Tammie Jaeger has retired – new staff person is Jessica Holmes and she will take that role on moving forward; concern about levy limits was raised by Juneau County with consensus being that county board supervisors should always share with any state elected officials their tax levy limit concerns; Columbia County brought up concern about sales tax increases and why counties are limited by the state; Karl Green reminded all about the upcoming Understanding AI Forums this spring—all can register here if interested in attending <https://extension.wisc.edu/aiforums/> ;
10. Next meeting is April 20, 2026, in Marquette County. Topic:
11. Meeting adjourned at 11:04a.m. Motion Columbia/Jefferson and carried.