

Intercounty Coordinating Committee

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

June 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Sauk County, hosting
505 Broadway, Baraboo, Wisconsin

Attendees: **Adams County** – Rick Pease; **Columbia County** – Steven Balsinger, Tess Carr, Donald Nichols, Doug Richmond; **Dodge County** - Dave Frohling, Andrew Johnson; **Green Lake County** – David Abendroth, Harley Reabe; **Jefferson County** – Steve Nass; **Juneau County** – Jim Cauley; **Marquette County** – Chuck Bornhoeft; **Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC)** – Jason Valerius; **Wisconsin State Assembly** – Karen DeSanto and Maureen McCarville; **Wisconsin Counties Ass’n** – Collin Driscoll

1. Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM by Chair, Tim McCumber
2. Pledge of Allegiance led by Morgan McArthur
3. The open meeting law requirements have been met by posting and notification
4. Motion by Green Lake/Jefferson to adopt the agenda. Carried.
5. Election of officers
 - a. Chair, Tim McCumber; Jefferson/Juneau. Carried.
 - b. Vice Chair, Dave Frohling; Sauk, Columbia. Carried.
 - c. Secretary, Steve Nass; Green Lake County/Dodge. Carried
6. Motion by Green Lake County/Jefferson County to adopt the minutes of the April 20, 2026 meeting in Marquette. Carried.
7. Visiting Legislative Officials:
 - a. Karen DeSanto (State Assembly, Sauk/Columbia): summer is quiet season for the legislature, though parades and dairy breakfasts are in full swing. Legislators are looking towards November to see how their world shakes out. Karen reminded the group that even though it's quiet season, offices are still staffed by aides and the communication channels are open.
 - b. Maureen McCarville (State Assembly, Dane/Columbia) said that bills that didn't make it through the legislature last year will serve as the blueprint for what's coming in the next session. There will be a roundtable discussion on transportation coming up in Janesville.

8. Collin Driscoll represented Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA). He reported that there is a \$1.8B surplus and that there is much politicking going on between the Dems/GOP about what to do with it. Akin to the comments by our legislative representatives, he noted that there are many political calculations afoot, based on key seats in both houses that are being competed for. Agendas are being drawn up by both parties that will address possible political outcomes.
9. Andrew McFadden, UW Traffic Operations and Safety Laboratory, spoke on the complexities and challenges of funding highways and transportation. He will make his powerpoint presentation available to the group. It was clear from the discussion that counties are feeling the pinch of limited resources and escalating costs.
10. Open Discussion of County Issues – there was spirited discussion around the challenges of funding and maintaining highways. Jefferson County noted that it would benefit them if the legislature would review ATP 51 – the livestock facility siting bill.
11. Next meeting is on Monday, August 17, 2026 in Waushara County.
12. Motion to adjourn Green Lake County/Juneau. Meeting adjourned 10:54 AM

Minutes taken by Morgan McArthur, UW-Extension Sauk County