

**COURT COMMITTEE MINUTES
EASTERN COLUMBIA COUNTY JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT COMMITTEE**

**MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025
WYOCENA @ 6:00 P.M.**

The Eastern Columbia County Joint Municipal Court Committee held a meeting on Monday, November 24, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Wyocena Village Hall.

Present were the following: Jeff Slotten, Chairperson, (Fall River), Keith Kilen (Rio), Kim Bauer (Wyocena), Joe Hammer, (City of Columbus), Marvin Stringfield (Cambria), Morgan Heller (City of Lodi), Chief Nate Duell (Poynette), Mike Babcock (Pardeeville), Ken Ireland (Randolph), William Breunig-Judge and Jodi Wade-Court Clerk.

Meeting was called to order by Court Chairperson Jeff Slotten at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: The following municipalities were represented: Fall River, Rio, Wyocena, City of Columbus, Cambria, City of Lodi, Poynette, Pardeeville and Randolph. Quorum is present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda by Kim Bauer (Wyocena), seconded by Mike Babcock (Pardeeville). Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve 10/19/2025 meeting minutes by Mike Babcock (Pardeeville), seconded by Keith Kilen (Rio). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF 2026 BUDGET:

Discussion and review of 2026 proposed Budget. Net loss predicted of \$8,538.31. Funds will be drawn on LGIP account as needed. Hiring of PT Clerk to help with volume of citations and collection efforts. Discussion of full audit of books. Motion to approve 2026 Budget w/ change to income (up to \$150,000) by Mike Babcock (Pardeeville), seconded by Kim Bauer (Wyocena). Roll Call Vote:

City of Columbus: Aye Village of Randolph: Aye Village of Pardeeville: Aye

Village of Poynette: Aye Village of Fall River: Aye Village of Rio: Aye

Village of Cambria: Aye City of Lodi: Aye Village of Wyocena: Aye

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS: Motion by Joe Hammer (City of Columbus) that Court Clerk vacation & sick / personal time will be:

- ◆ 3 weeks vacation per calendar year with a 4th week of vacation after 4th year worked.
- ◆ 8 hours of sick / personal time earned each month. Cap not to exceed 500 hours.

Second by Kim Bauer (Wyocena). Motion carried.

Next Meeting scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2026.

Morgan Heller (City of Lodi) motioned to adjourn, Keith Kilen (Rio) seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi M. Wade, ECCJMC Judicial Assistant