



JEROME MUNICIPAL COURT

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SUBJECT: Monthly Staff Report

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The Court was busy the first part of December with the second jury trial in two years. I truly appreciate the cooperation and flexibility of Town Hall leadership and staff in accommodating the extra people in and around the building on our busiest days. We were also grateful to host two members of the Prescott City Court staff who provided on-the-job training for our court clerk on the day of trial. With less than a year on the job, Ms. Lennon is doing a stellar job with her regular assignments and has now successfully navigated being the jury coordinator, court clerk, and bailiff, (all wrapped in to one) for our trial. We intend on streamlining some of the jury selection process for future trials. I deeply appreciate the members of the community who appeared for jury duty, and those who served on the jury, fulfilling one of our most important civic responsibilities.

With January already behind us, the Court is off to a great start in the new year! Last month we had a contractor on site to review plans for a possible remodel that would provide great security for court staff and court visitors. We hope to have an estimate soon and intend on continued efforts to procure additional estimates.

We also held our quarterly SEPC committee meeting in early January. As always, I am happy to report thoughtful input and assistance from other departments. We continue to make forward progress improving court security. AOC opened the 2026 security grant applications, and we intend to submit an application requesting funds to implement some of the improvements identified in August's security assessment. Some of the desired improvements depend upon commencement of a court remodel, some do not.

We have been experiencing a slight increase in requests from Defendants to have judgments set aside and matters sealed. These are submitted by people who have successfully fulfilled their obligations to the Court and having done so, are taking additional steps to put the past behind them and move forward with their lives. I am always pleased to grant these requests and am glad that people are taking advantage of this opportunity.

Ms. Lennon has been reviewing and purging old closed files based upon our record retention timelines. I have been working on reviewing relevant rule changes that took effect on January 1, 2026. I have also been preparing our budget worksheet for the upcoming cycle. I anticipate only minor changes for the new fiscal year.

As always, I am grateful to serve and privileged to be a small part of the community. We are always open to visitors, and I hope to see some of you soon.