

MAUSTON AREA MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT

2026 1st and 2nd Quarter Report

During the first half of 2026, the court collected \$61,512.53. The breakdown by area is as follows (fines only):

Mauston:	\$37,467.08
Village of Lyndon Station:	\$60.00
Village of Necedah:	\$1219.64
City of New Lisbon:	\$2,187.30
Town of Germantown:	\$296.98

423 Total Citations: 323 Mauston, 25 Necedah, 53 New Lisbon, 8 Lyndon, 14 Germantown

- 336 people paid in full

UPDATES

During the second quarter of 2026, the Mauston Area Municipal Court made a few operational updates to help proceedings run more efficiently and keep participants engaged.

First, the court shifted to a once-a-month schedule year-round. Consolidating our time into one longer day each month—rather than two brief morning sessions—allows us to handle cases much more effectively.

We're also taking juvenile court on the road by holding sessions directly at Necedah Schools. Truancy is a major priority for us, and meeting students on their home turf makes it easier for them to show up, helping cut down on missed court dates and default judgments in the district.

Additionally, we're continuing our strong partnership with the Juneau County Youth Justice Department. As part of that teamwork, Judge Taake joined local youth for a rod-building class and a fishing trip this summer. Building these positive connections outside the courtroom goes a long way toward making a real impact inside it.

Lastly, as school starts back up, we usually see an uptick in juvenile tickets. For the second half of the year, we're introducing a new alternative assignment focused on emotional health—specifically how to recognize and regulate emotions. Kids will watch 1 or 2 short YouTube videos and fill out a reflection worksheet. This gives us a practical, constructive option for disorderly conduct tickets and for truancy cases where mental or emotional health is at the root of the problem.