



Wisconsin Counties Association
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2026 COUNTY OFFICIALS WORKSHOPS (COWS)

May & June
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Roles & Responsibilities | Budgeting | Open Meetings Law |
 Public Records Law | Ethics & Conflicts of Interest |
 Running Effective Meetings | Agendas & Minutes

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\$75

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Presented by the Local Government Education Program of the
 UW-Madison Division of Extension
 and the Wisconsin Counties Association.



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AGENDA

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8:00 a.m.	Registration
8:30 a.m.	Session 1: Who We Are
8:45 a.m.	Session 2: Roles & Responsibilities of County Officials
9:30 a.m.	Session 3: Running Effective Meetings
10:15 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	Session 4: The Ins & Outs of Wisconsin's Open Meetings Law
11:15 a.m.	Session 5: Agendas & Minutes
11:45 a.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Session 6: County Budgeting
1:30 p.m.	Break
1:45 p.m.	Session 7: Wisconsin's Public Records Law
2:30 p.m.	Session 8: Ethics & Conflicts of Interest
3:30 p.m.	Adjourn

Presenters

- UW-Extension Local Government Education Program:
- Karl Green, Program Manager
 - Daniel Foth, Local Government Specialist
 - William Oemichen, Professor of Practice – Law/Local Government Law Educator
- Wisconsin Counties Association:
- Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, Director of Outreach & Member Engagement

FEE: \$75

REGISTRATION FORM

Or register online at wicounties.org

Yes! I plan on attending the following workshop:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dodgeville • Monday, May 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Eau Claire • Wednesday, May 20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beaver Dam • Wednesday, May 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hayward • Thursday, May 21 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stevens Point • Thursday, May 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhinelander • Friday, May 22 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Bay • Friday, May 15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual • June 1, 8 and 15 |

Name _____

County _____

Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

DATES & LOCATIONS

Monday, May 11
Iowa County Board Room
222 N. Iowa St.
Dodgeville, WI

Wednesday, May 13
Comfort Inn and Suites
815 Park Ave.
Beaver Dam, WI

Thursday, May 14
Mid-State Technical College
1001 Centerpoint Dr.
Stevens Point, WI

Friday, May 15
Comfort Suites Hotel
Rock Garden
1951 Bond St.
Green Bay, WI

Wednesday, May 20
Florian Gardens
2340 Lorch Ave.
Eau Claire, WI

Thursday, May 21
Holiday Inn Express
15586 Co. Rd. B
Hayward, WI

Friday, May 22
Quality Inn
668 W. Kemp St.
Rhinelander, WI

Virtual Option (attend all three):

- **Monday, June 1, 8:30-10:20 a.m.** (Sessions 1, 2 and 7)
- **Monday, June 8, 8:30-10:55 a.m.** (Sessions 3, 4 and 5)
- **Monday, June 15, 8:30-10:35 a.m.** (Sessions 6 and 8)



Register online at wicounties.org or fax registration form to 608.663.7189. Registration forms and payment (payable to Wisconsin Counties Association) should be mailed to WCA, 22 E. Mifflin St., Ste. 900, Madison, WI 53703.

The fee for this workshop is \$75 for each participant; the fee increases to \$85 for late registrations (less than 7 days prior to the workshop date). The fee covers the cost of registration, instruction, materials and lunch.

A full refund will be made if notice of cancellation is received in writing or by fax 7 days prior to the workshop. No-shows will not receive a refund, but materials can be sent.

You may request an interpreter, materials in an alternative language and/or format, and/or other services to make this event more accessible. Contact oaic@extension.wisc.edu. Make your request 25 days before the event. There is no added cost to you for these services.

For more information and to order workshop materials (\$35), call the Local Government Education Program (608.785.9763). For information on registration logistics, call the Wisconsin Counties Association (608.663.7188).



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