



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Date: May 5, 2016****Contact: Katie Bobich****Phone: 218-824-1002****CROW WING COUNTY LAND SERVICES ACCEPTING TAX PAYMENTS**

Crow Wing County is now offering a one-stop shop for all land-related transactions through its newly opened Customer Service counter in the Land Services building. Property owners needing to make in-person tax payments or inquiries can do so at the counter, which is located at 322 Laurel Street in Brainerd, behind the Historic Courthouse. Additional services provided through the counter include homestead applications, recording/transferring of real-estate documents, addressing and building permits, and vital records requests (birth, death, and marriage certificates).

First half of property taxes are due May 16 for most property classifications and payments must arrive timely to avoid penalty fees. Taxpayers have a number of options for submitting payments:

- In-Person via cash, check, or credit card at the Customer Service counter in Land Services (322 Laurel Street, Brainerd, located behind the Historic Courthouse). A drop box is also located at the Historic Courthouse for payments that do not require a receipt.
- Online via e-check, debit, or credit card. Log onto the county website at www.crowwing.us, click on Online Services, and select "Pay Your Taxes" under Land Services. Property owners will need their 15-digit parcel identification number for each parcel paid.
- By phone with e-check, debit or credit card by calling 1-855-473-7027. Property owners will need their 15-digit parcel identification number and to follow the stated prompts.
- By mail via check or money order sent to 326 Laurel Street, Suite 22, Brainerd, MN, 56401. Payments must be postmarked no later than Monday, May 16, to avoid late penalties. Taxpayers are advised to mail payments at least three days prior to the due date, or have postal staff hand-stamp the envelope at the counter to ensure proper postmark.

Note on fees: A \$1.95 transaction fee will apply for the e-check option. If using a credit/debit card, the fee is 2.35% of the total transaction. Fees are charged by the company used to handle the transaction (Payments). Crow Wing County does not charge a fee nor does it receive any of the fee amounts charged to you.

Please feel free to contact the Land Services office by phone, email, or in person with questions or feedback you may have. We are located in Brainerd on the main floor of the Land Services Building, 322 Laurel Street. Our phone number is 218-824-1010 and our email address is land.services@crowwing.us. Or, visit our website at www.crowwing.us.

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Our Mission: Serve well. Deliver value. Drive results.

Our Values: Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.