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LAND SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO OPEN SATELLITE OFFICE IN JENKINS

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department is pleased to announce it will be opening a satellite office at the Jenkins City Hall. Starting May 1 and running through October 30, the office will be open every Tuesday from 8:00 am to 11:30 am. Staff from the Land Services Department will be available to discuss land use issues, provide all necessary forms and will also be able to accept permit applications. The Jenkins City Hall is located at 33861 Cottage Avenue St Jenkins, MN 56474.

“Excellent customer service is the number one priority for the Land Services Department,” stated County Commissioner Paul Thiede. “This will be a convenient option for those who live a distance from the courthouse. Residents generally want to do the right things in land use and this is another opportunity to get answers to questions before an application is made.”

The Land Services Department performs on-site reviews of permit applications prior to issuing a land use permit. The review is designed to help landowners comply with county land use requirements and eliminate the guesswork of understanding the ordinance requirements. After the permit application has been submitted, the permit request will be assigned to a Land Service Specialist for a site visit. Prior to the site visits, landowners will be required to stake out the proposed building site. Most permits are approved in 10 days or less. Landowners can also request a “Call for Service” where a Land Service Specialist will meet on-site prior to any permit requests to discuss any land use issues or questions. There is no cost for this service.

In addition, certain performance standards are required for properties that are located within the Shoreland District. The Shoreland District is any land located 1,000 feet from a lake and 300 feet from a river or stream. Impervious coverage is limited to 25% and any permitted improvements that exceed 15% impervious coverage on lake lots require stormwater runoff to be treated before it goes into the lake. Shoreline buffers may also be required if the impervious coverage exceeds 20%. Impervious coverage is a hard surface such as a rooftop, sidewalk or driveway. Septic systems also need to be compliant and pumped out within the last three years to obtain a permit.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping landowners make wise choices that protect Crow Wing County’s extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Environmental Services Office at (218) 824-1125 or environmental.services@co.crow-wing.mn.us to discuss land use activities. Crow Wing County information and resources can be found at www.co-crow-wing.mn.us

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