

# Government

The C.A.R.E. Directory (Coordinating Area Resources Effectively) is a compilation of non-profit corporations, groups, organizations, services clubs, and service providers operating in Crow Wing County.

This reference manual is always accepting more information. If your organization fits into one of our headings, please call or email us with your information so we can keep our CARE directory up to date.

**Brainerd Community Action**  
213 S. 5th Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
**Office:** 218.829.5278  
**E-mail:**  
[holly@brainerdcommunityaction.org](mailto:holly@brainerdcommunityaction.org)

## CITY GOVERNMENT

### **Baxter**

P.O. Box 2626  
Baxter, MN 56425  
Contact: Bradley Chapulis, 218-454-5100  
[cityhall@baxtermn.gov](mailto:cityhall@baxtermn.gov)

### **Brainerd**

501 Laurel St.  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Cassandra Torstenson, 218-828-2307  
[ctorstenson@ci.brainerd.mn.us](mailto:ctorstenson@ci.brainerd.mn.us)

### **Breezy Point**

8319 Cty. Rd. 11  
Breezy Point, MN 56472  
Contact: Joe Rudberg, 218-562-4441  
[jrudberg@cityofbreezypointmn.us](mailto:jrudberg@cityofbreezypointmn.us)

### **Crosby**

2 Second St. SW  
Crosby, MN 56441  
Contact: Lisa Soava, 218-546-5021  
[lisa.sova@cityofcrosby.com](mailto:lisa.sova@cityofcrosby.com)

### **Crosslake**

37028 Cty. Rd. 66  
Crosslake, MN 56442  
Contact: Char Nelson, 218-692-2688  
[cityclerk@crosslake.net](mailto:cityclerk@crosslake.net)

### **Cuyuna**

P. O. Box 536  
Deerwood, MN 56444  
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[cityofcuyuna@gmaol.com](mailto:cityofcuyuna@gmaol.com)

### **Deerwood**

P.O.Box 187  
Deerwood, MN 56444  
Contact: Jeff Turk, 218-534-3152  
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**Emily**

PO Box 68  
Emily, MN 56447  
Contact: Christa Andrews, 218-763-2480  
[clerk@emily.net](mailto:clerk@emily.net)

**Fifty Lakes**

Box 125  
Fifty Lakes, MN 56448  
Contact: Karen Stern, 218-763-3113  
[50lakes@emily.net](mailto:50lakes@emily.net)

**Fort Ripley**

P. O. Box 155  
Fort Ripley, MN 56449  
Contact: Mary Tschida, 218-828-1818

**Garrison**

PO Box 239  
Garrison, MN 56450  
Contact: Loren Larson, 320-692-4270  
[ctygarri@frontiernet.net](mailto:ctygarri@frontiernet.net)

**Ironton**

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Ironton, MN 56455  
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[amy@cityofironton.org](mailto:amy@cityofironton.org)

**Jenkins**

33861 Cottage Ave  
Jenkins, MN 56456  
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[cityhall@ci.jenkins.mn.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.jenkins.mn.us)

**Manhattan Beach**

39148 County Road 66  
Manhattan Beach, MN 56442  
Contact: Amy Wannebo, 218-851-1563  
[amy@manhattanbeachmn.org](mailto:amy@manhattanbeachmn.org)

**Nisswa**

P. O. Box 410  
Nisswa, MN 56468  
Contact: Scott Saehr (interim), 218-963-4444  
[scott@ci.nisswa.mn.us](mailto:scott@ci.nisswa.mn.us)

**Pequot Lakes**

4638 County Rd 11  
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472  
Contact: Nancy Malecha, 218-568-5222  
[cityhall@pequotlakes-mn.gov](mailto:cityhall@pequotlakes-mn.gov)

**Riverton**

16663 Main St.  
Riverton, MN 56455  
Contact: Cari Johnson, 218-546-5225  
[riverton@centurylink.net](mailto:riverton@centurylink.net)

**Trommald**

24124 Cardinal Ave  
Crosby, MN 56441  
Contact: Mona R. Geske, 218-546-2686

## TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT

### **Bay Lake**

13861 Cty. Rd. 10  
Deerwood, MN 56444  
Contact: Carol Pundt, Clerk, 218-678-3256  
[baylaketown@gmail.com](mailto:baylaketown@gmail.com)

### **Center**

13110 Borden Road  
Merrifield, MN 56465  
Contact: Coralea Borden, Clerk, 218-765-3397  
[mcborden@brainerd.net](mailto:mcborden@brainerd.net)

### **Crow Wing**

10069 South Oaks Road  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Duane Ruona, Clerk, 218-828-3985  
[crowwingtownship@gmail.com](mailto:crowwingtownship@gmail.com)

### **Daggett Brook**

12629 30<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Gretchen Nelson, Clerk, 218-828-0253  
[Daggett.clerk1@outlook.com](mailto:Daggett.clerk1@outlook.com)

### **Deerwood**

P.O. Box 521  
Deerwood, MN 56444  
Contact: Carol Pundt, Clerk, 218-534-3168  
[deerwoodtownship1@gmail.com](mailto:deerwoodtownship1@gmail.com)

### **Fairfield**

33108 Dangers Road  
Crosby, MN 56441  
Contact: Marianne Auge, Clerk, 218-232-1207  
[fairfieldmn@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldmn@gmail.com)

### **Fort Ripley**

5190 Legend Lane  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Tonia Dobosenski, Clerk, 218-829-4983  
[fortripleytownship@gmail.com](mailto:fortripleytownship@gmail.com)

### **Gail Lake**

4804 County Rd 1  
Pine River, MN 56474  
Contact: Carol Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer, 218-587-2302  
[gaillaketownship@gmail.com](mailto:gaillaketownship@gmail.com)

### **Garrison**

P.O. Box 70  
Garrison, MN 56450  
Contact: Karie Svoboda, Clerk, 218-851-7082  
[karie@garrisontownship.com](mailto:karie@garrisontownship.com)

### **Ideal**

35458 Butternut Pt Rd.  
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472  
Contact: John Plein, Clerk/Treasurer, 218-543-4392  
[info@idealtownship.com](mailto:info@idealtownship.com)

### **Irondale**

19121 Cty Rd. 12  
Ironton, MN 56455  
Contact: Gayle Hanson, Clerk, 218-546-8112  
218-546-6499  
[irondaletownship2@gmail.com](mailto:irondaletownship2@gmail.com)

### **Jenkins**

P.O. Box 71  
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472  
Contact: Bill Savage, Clerk, 218-831-1100  
[tonto1@charter.net](mailto:tonto1@charter.net)

### **Lake Edward**

25522 County Rd 4  
Nisswa, MN 56468  
Contact: Martha L. Look, Clerk, 218-963-4406  
[mlook32@q.com](mailto:mlook32@q.com)

### **Little Pine**

25502 County Road 1  
Emily, MN 56447  
Contact: Abra Hawley, Clerk, 218-839-2842  
[littlepineclerk@gmail.com](mailto:littlepineclerk@gmail.com)

### **Long Lake**

7156 Hilltop View Rd  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Patsy Olson, Clerk, 218-829-6546  
[olsonpat@q.com](mailto:olsonpat@q.com)

### **Maple Grove**

18451 County Road 24  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Norene Warta, Clerk, 218-764-2343

### **Mission**

PO Box 126  
Merrifield, MN 56465  
Contact: Anna Anderson, Clerk, 218-765-4377  
[missionclerk@gmail.com](mailto:missionclerk@gmail.com)

**Nokay Lake**

13536 Thorson Rd.  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Alan Cunningham, Clerk, 218-764-3418  
[acunning@brainerd.net](mailto:acunning@brainerd.net)

**Oak Lawn**

PO Box 333  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Kathy Wessel, Clerk, 218-829-2109  
[oaklawntwp@gmail.com](mailto:oaklawntwp@gmail.com)

**Pelican**

27717 Sunset Valley Rd.  
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472  
Contact: Shirley Wallin, Clerk, 218-963-7456  
[cswallin@charter.net](mailto:cswallin@charter.net)

**Perry Lake**

30416 State Highway 6  
Crosby, MN 56441  
Contact: Sherry Rocholl, Clerk, 218-838-0412  
[crosbybarn@gmail.com](mailto:crosbybarn@gmail.com)

**Platte Lake**

2198 Co Rd. 23  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Robert Dambowy, Clerk, 218-829-8190

**Rabbit Lake**

25553 County Road 32  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
Contact: Linda Danielson, Clerk, 218-534-3748  
[rabbittownhall@gmail.com](mailto:rabbittownhall@gmail.com)

**Roosevelt Township**

24561 Williams Road  
Hillman, MN 56338  
Contact: Bonnie Orton, Clerk, 320-247-2105  
[rsvt@brainerd.net](mailto:rsvt@brainerd.net)

**Ross Lake**

27406 Ross Lake Rd.  
Aitkin, MN 56431  
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[jeneumann@centurylink.net](mailto:jeneumann@centurylink.net)

**St. Mathias**

9891 Sleepy Hollow Road  
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**Timothy**

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Pine River, MN 56474  
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**Wolford**

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Crosby, MN 56441  
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## **CROW WING COUNTY OFFICES**

### **Crow Wing County - General Information**

326 Laurel Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1055

### **Crow Wing County Assessor's Office**

322 Laurel Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1010  
Fax: 218-824-1011

[assessor@co.crow-wing.mn.us](mailto:assessor@co.crow-wing.mn.us)

For tax purposes, appraise, review and classify real estate, personal property and mobile homes.

Process transfers of property, new plats, and sales data from Certificates of Real Estate Value. Take and process applications for homestead. Explain assessments. Open Mon - Fri – 8 am to 5 pm

### **Crow Wing County Attorney**

213 Laurel Street, Suite 11  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1025  
Fax: 218- 824-1026

[lydia.marohn@co.crow-wing.mn.us](mailto:lydia.marohn@co.crow-wing.mn.us)

Prosecute all felonies and most gross misdemeanors occurring within county. Assists in enforcement of rights of victims. General legal counsel to the County. Cannot represent individual citizens in civil court proceedings.

### **Crow Wing County Auditor's Office**

Deborah A. Erickson  
326 Laurel Street, Suite 22  
Brainerd, Minnesota 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1045  
Fax: 218-824-1046  
[cwcauditor@co.crow-wing.mn.us](mailto:cwcauditor@co.crow-wing.mn.us)  
[www.co.crow-wing.mn.us](http://www.co.crow-wing.mn.us)

Delinquent taxes, special assessments, parcel ownership, legal descriptions, map availability, payroll, claims, financial transactions, investments, budgets, tax settlements, accounts receivable, internal record keeping, business licenses, elections, voter registration, absentee voting.

### **Crow Wing County Child Support and Collections**

PO Box 686  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1260

Provide federally-mandated services to establish and enforce orders for child support, medical support and childcare; establish paternity and locate absent parents. This department is also responsible to collect all debts owed to the social service agency; establish and collect out-of-home placement reimbursement claims and investigate all allegations of welfare fraud.

### **Crow Wing County Commissioner Dist. 1**

Paul Koering  
5444 Sleepy Hollow Rd.  
Fort Ripley, MN 56449  
Contact: 218-829-0125

[dewayne.tautges@co.crow-wing.mn.us](mailto:dewayne.tautges@co.crow-wing.mn.us)

Covers: Cities of Brainerd, Fort Ripley, Garrison. Townships of Crow Wing, Daggett, Fort Ripley, Garrison, Long Lake, Maple Grove, Nokay Lake, Oak Lawn, Platte Lake, Roosevelt, and St. Mathias.

### **Crow Wing County Commissioner Dist. 2**

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Pequot Lakes, MN 56472  
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[Paul.Thiede@crowwing.us](mailto:Paul.Thiede@crowwing.us)

Covers: Cities of Breezy Point, Crosslake, Fifty Lakes, Jenkins, Manhattan Beach, Nisswa, and Pequot Lakes. Townships of Davenport, Gail Lake, Ideal, Jenkins, Mission, Pelican, Sibley, and Timothy.

### **Crow Wing County Commissioner Dist. 3**

Rachel Reabe Nystrom  
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Baxter, MN 56425  
Contact: 218-829-1721

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Covers: Cities of Baxter and Brainerd.

### **Crow Wing County Commissioner Dist. 4**

Rosemary Franzen  
14732 Inglewood Dr  
Baxter, MN 56425  
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[Rosemary.Franzen@crowwing.us](mailto:Rosemary.Franzen@crowwing.us)

Covers: Cities of Baxter and Brainerd. Townships of Kennedy, and Lake Edward.

### **Crow Wing County Commissioner Dist. 5**

Doug Houge  
P.O. Box 367  
Ironton, MN 56455  
Contact: 218-546-2794  
218-330-0734

[Doug.Houge@crowwing.us](mailto:Doug.Houge@crowwing.us)

Covers: Cities of Crosby, Cuyuna, Deerwood, Emily, Ironton, Riverton, and Trommald. Townships of Dean Lake, Bay Lake, Center, Deerwood, Fairfield, Ironton, Little Pine, Perry Lake, Rabbit Lake, Ross Lake, and Wolford.

**Crow Wing County Community Corrections**

213 Laurel Street Suite 21  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1135  
CWCCC@crowwing.us

This system provides court services, juvenile and adult probation and parole (supervised release) supervision, specialized supervision combined with outpatient sex offender treatment for both adult and juvenile clients, juvenile detention and secure correctional programming services, electronic monitoring, drug testing, juvenile crime victim reparation programming, and provides community work service - juvenile and adult Sentence to Service programming.

**Crow Wing County Court Administration**

326 Laurel Street, Suite 13  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1067

Maintains case records for civil, family, probate, traffic, criminal, juvenile and conciliation cases. Docketed civil money judgments are maintained alphabetically by judgment debtor. Also call this number for County Court Judge's Chambers and for Ninth

**Crow Wing County Emergency Management**

304 Laurel Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: John Bowen 218-829-4749  
John.Bowen@crowwing.us

Crow Wing County Emergency Management coordinates with local, state, and federal agencies to preserve life, property, and the well-being of our citizens from natural, technological, and man-made disasters.

**Crow Wing County Highway Department**

16589 County Rd 142  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1110  
Fax: 218-824-1111

Responsible for maintenance of nearly 600 miles of road, including routine repairs, snowplowing and improvements, as well as major construction and engineering.

**Crow Wing County Human Rights Commission**

PO Box 1134  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1351

Promotes equal opportunity and fair treatment and practices for all people. Advisory group to the Board of Commissioners. Educates county residents in matters of human rights. Provides

procedure to report instances of discrimination due to race, religion, marital status, sex, color, disability, national origin, creed, sexual orientation, age, or public assistance status.

**Crow Wing County Land Commissioner's Office**

322 Laurel Street, Suite 14  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1010

**Crow Wing County Planning & Zoning Office**

322 Laurel Street, Suite 15  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1010

**Crow Wing County Recorder**

322 Laurel St St #15  
P.O. Box 383  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Gary Griffin, 218-824-1280

Accept for filing and permanently maintain all records of real estate transactions (title transfers); Uniform Commercial Code and Veteran's Discharges in Crow Wing County.

**Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office**

Law Enforcement Center  
304 Laurel Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-4749  
www.co.crow-wing.mn.us

Enforce State statutes and local ordinances; investigate complaints; dispatch fire, ambulance and emergency services; serve civil papers; keep records, incarcerate prisoners; PROTECT AND SERVE THE PUBLIC.

**Crow Wing County Soil and Water Conservation District**

322 Laurel Street St #22  
Brainerd, MN 56425  
Contact: 218-828-6197

**Crow Wing County Solid Waste Office**

Landfill  
15728 State Highway 210  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1290

**Crow Wing County Surveyor**

322 Laurel Street Suite 11

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-824-1116

Perpetuation and maintenance of original Public Land Survey System. Approx. 4,600 corners are in Crow Wing County. Creation of parcel-based maps; half-section maps are now being done on a computer. These maps will be the base for the GIS in the County. The creation of a countywide base map on CAD with multi-layers such as City, County, Township road names, Wetlands, School District boundaries, zip codes, emergency service zones, etc. Advise public and private surveyors on survey or description related matters.

**Crow Wing County Treasurer**

322 Laurel Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-824-1045

Fax: 218-824-1301

Collect current property taxes and answer questions regarding them. Provide legal descriptions and market values. Cancelled checks are stored in our office as are tax payment receipts for prior years. We balance the county accounts and do the deposits for all departments. Vital statistic records for births, deaths and marriages are in this office. Marriage license applications, passports, notary commissions and ordination credentials.

**U of M Extension Service Crow Wing County**

322 Laurel St, Ste 22

Brainerd, MN 56401-3500

Contact: 218-824-1065

Fax: 218-824-1066

[mnext-crowwing@umn.edu](mailto:mnext-crowwing@umn.edu)

The University of Minnesota Extension Service provides educational programs and information to Crow Wing County citizens and communities. Programs in Youth Development and Family Living, Land, Food and Environment, and Community Development focus on issues where research-based education makes a difference.

**Crow Wing County Social Services**

PO Box 686

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-824-1140

Child protection assessment, services to children in need of protection, services to parents under 18, adoption, children's mental health services, licensing of foster care and day care homes and custody studies. Various medical programs, such as Medical Assistance, General Assistance Medical Care, Senior Drug Program, Minnesota Care, Elderly Waiver, TEFRA, Childcare Assistance and Employed Persons with Disabilities.

**Crow Wing County Social Services- Adult Protection**

204 Laurel Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-824-1140

Central Entry Point (CEP) for Vulnerable Adult reports. Screening and assessments to determine abuse, neglect or financial exploitation of vulnerable adults. Interventions to reduce risk of further harm to the individual.

**Crow Wing County Social Services-Aging Program**

204 Laurel Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-824-1140

A variety of services including preadmission screenings to evaluate an individual's current situation and preferences. Information and referral to community based home care services, senior prescription drug program, and nutrition and chore services. Sponsor RSVP & Senior Advocate program.

**Crow Wing County Social Services- Chemical Dependency**

204 Laurel Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-824-1140

Chemical use assessments, referral to treatment and counseling resources, case management and follow-up. Payment of treatment costs is based on financial eligibility for the Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund. Detox, commitment prescreenings and petition when necessary. Please contact us with questions or for further information.

**Crow Wing County Social Services - Developmentally Disabled Program**

204 Laurel Street

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-824-1140

Case management services available for individuals with developmental disabilities or related conditions. Contracted services may also include supported employment, SILS (Semi-Independent Living Skills), personal support, waived services and other activities promoting independence and self-realization in the least restrictive environment.

**Crow Wing County Social Services - Emergency Assistance Program**

204 Laurel St.  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Financial Services Office: 218-824-1250  
www.co.crow-wing.mn.us

Emergency Assistance, EGA, EMSA. Emergency programs for households facing eviction and/or utility shutoff.

**Crow Wing County Social Services – Income Maintenance**

204 Laurel Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1250

To provide access to food stamps, medical, cash, and other assistance for the people in Crow Wing County and to determine continued eligibility for the recipients of these programs. Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), General Assistance (GA), Emergency Minnesota Supplemental Aid (EMSA), Minnesota Supplemental Aid (MSA), Refugee Cash Assistant (RCA) and Food Support Program.

**Crow Wing County Social Services- Mental Health Services**

204 Laurel Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-824-1140

Provides a wide array of services including crisis assistance, community education and prevention, assessment, case management, community support, day treatment, residential treatment, foster care and referral to available community resources.

**Region Five Development Commission**

200 1<sup>st</sup> Street NE, Suite 2  
Staples, MN 56479  
Office: 218-894-3233

<http://www.regionfive.org/about/index.html>

**Mission:** To enhance the vitality and quality of life in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties.

**Purpose:** The purpose of a RDC is "to insure the orderly and harmonious coordination of state, federal and local comprehensive planning and development programs for the solution of economic, social, physical and governmental problems of the state and its citizens...". RDCs provide a variety of technical assistance services to the local units of government based on the individual needs of their region. They partner with numerous state and federal agencies, obtaining and administering grants for programs and projects at the local level, and are recognized for their fiscal responsibility and capabilities in professional program management.

**MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT OFFICES**

**Agriculture, MN Department of**

Contact: 651-201-6000  
Toll-Free: 1-800-967-AGRI  
www.mda.state.mn.us  
webinfo@mda.state.mn.us

Agricultural Development and Financial Assistance, Agricultural Marketing Services, Dairy and Food Inspection, Laboratory Services, Pesticide and Fertilizer Management, Plant Protection.

**Minnesota State Attorney General**

1400 Bremer Tower  
445 Minnesota Street  
St. Paul, MN 55155  
Contact: 1-651-296-3353  
Toll: 1-800-657-3787  
attorney.general@state.mn.us  
[www.ag.state.mn.us](http://www.ag.state.mn.us)

Contact the state consumer watchdog in the merchant's jurisdiction.

**MN Dept. of Children, Families & Learning**

1500 Hwy 36 W  
Roseville, MN 55113  
Contact: 651-582-8200  
www.education.state.mn.us

Works to help communities to improve the well-being of children through programs that focus on education, community services, prevention, and the preparation of young people for the world of work.

**Indian Affairs Council**

113 2<sup>nd</sup> St NW #110A  
Bemidji, MN 56601  
Contact: 218-205-4752  
www.indians.state.mn.us  
[Joseph.B.Day@state.mn.us](mailto:Joseph.B.Day@state.mn.us)

Official liaison between state and tribal governments. Mission is to protect sovereignty of the 11 Minnesota Tribes and insure well-being of American Indian citizens throughout MN. Established in 1963.

**MN Dept. Of Natural Resources Division of Fisheries**

1601 Minnesota Drive  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Manager: 218-828-2735

Manages the fisheries population in the public waters. Responsible to set and monitor fishing seasons, conduct creel census, aquatic weed control, and the lake stocking program.



**MN Dept. Of Natural Resources Division of Forestry**

1601 Minnesota Drive  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-828-2565

Works with public and private entities to promote the conservation, protection and enjoyment of Minnesota's forest resources. Township Fire Warden program and burning permits.

**MN Dept. Of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife**

1601 Minnesota Drive  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: Nongame Wildlife: 218-828-2550

Carries out research and management programs affecting all state wildlife species (protected, nonprotected, and endangered). Includes hunting seasons setting and monitoring.

**MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)**

7678 College Rd S. Suite 105  
Baxter, MN 56425  
Contact: 218-828-2492  
Toll-Free: 1-800-422-0798 (to report spills/environmental emergency)  
[www.pca.state.mn.us](http://www.pca.state.mn.us)

Regulatory agency to limit pollution caused by businesses, organizations and individuals, in order to protect human health and the environment. Activities include: testing & research to identify problems; developing environmental priorities and strategies, setting standards and developing rules to protect people and the environment, developing permits to control activities that affect the environment, outreach and education to schools, organizations and public, responding to emergencies and enforcing rules.

**MN State Representative District 12A**

Jeff Backer®  
593 State Office Building  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155  
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**MN State Representative District 12B**

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369 State Office Building  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
St Paul, MN 55155  
Contact: 651-296-4317  
[rep.paul.anderson@house.mn](mailto:rep.paul.anderson@house.mn)

**Minnesota State Services for the Blind & Visually Impaired**

1919 South 6th Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-828-2490  
Toll-Free: 1-800-652-9000

Rehabilitation services for those with visual handicap including resource center for educational materials. Partners in the MN Workforce Center.

**Minnesota WorkForce Center**

204 Laurel Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-828-2450  
Toll-Free: 1-800-664-3595  
[www.mnwfc.org/brainerd](http://www.mnwfc.org/brainerd)

Help for job seekers. Job listings. Classes on job seeking. State & local partnership of Job Service, Unemployment Insurance, Veterans' Employment Services, Rehabilitation Services, Rural MN CEP, and State Services for the Blind.

## UNITED STATES OFFICES

### **U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) - Farm Service Agency**

7118 Clearwater Rd N  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-5965 ext. 2  
Fax: 218-829-8837  
[www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

Administers the Federal Farm Program to farmers and ranchers in Crow Wing and Cass Counties. Programs are directed towards farm price stability, conservation, crop loss disasters, and lending programs for farm and ranch operations.

### **U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) - Natural Resources Conservation Service**

7118 Clearwater Rd. N  
Baxter, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-5965  
[www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov)

Natural Resource information; soil & water quality practices.

### **U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) - Rural Development**

7118 Clearwater Rd N  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-5965 ext. 4  
Toll-Free:

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mn/index.htm>

Partners in helping the people of rural America develop sustainable communities. To enhance the ability of rural communities to develop, to grow, and to improve their quality of life by targeting financial and technical assistance through 3 mission areas: Rural Housing Service, Rural Business - Cooperative Service, and Rural Utility Service. Rural Development administers 23 loan and grant programs through 15 area offices in Minnesota.

### **U.S. Representative Congressional District 8**

#### **U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar**

1200 Washington Avenue South, Suite 250  
Minneapolis, MN 55415  
Contact: 612-727-5220

#### **U.S. Senator Tina Smith (D)**

60 Plato Blvd. East Suite 220  
St. Paul, MN 55114  
Contact: 651-221-1016

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES

### **Crime Prevention Program - Brainerd Police Department**

225 East River Road  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-829-2805

The Crime Prevention Unit, established in 2003, is responsible for maintaining a number of programs geared toward crime reduction through education, analysis, and collaboration. Current crime prevention programs include Crime Free Housing, Neighborhood Watch, Crime Alert Network, Nuisance Investigation, Safety Surveys, drug prevention information, and others

### **Minnesota Auto & Drivers License of Brainerd**

623 NW 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
Contact: 218-855-5169

Driver's License renewal or issuing, vision test, photo identification cards. 9-5 Monday-Friday. Driver's License Exam Station at 213 S. 5th Street Brainerd. For information for exam call 828-2489.

### **Drivers License Exam Station**

213 S 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401  
218-828-2489

Hours: Monday-Friday 8-4:30 Closed every day 12-1  
Permit testing, behind the wheel testing and CDL.  
You must make an appointment for any behind the wheel testing.

### **Office of Ombudsman for Corrections**

Contact: 651-643-3656

Provides information and independent investigations into complaints regarding the Minnesota Department of Corrections, the adult and juvenile state and private correctional facilities, regional corrections or detention facilities and those programs or facilities operating under Chapter 401, the Community Corrections Act. Also receives complaints from inmates, families, staff and the public.

### **Office of Ombudsman for Crime Victims**

Contact: 651-642-0550  
Toll-Free: 800-297-0390

Investigates reports of victim rights violations or mistreatment of crime victims or witnesses by any element of the criminal justice or victim/witness service provider. Operates a toll-free, 24-hour number providing citizens access to information about crime victims rights, available services and county specific referrals throughout the State of Minnesota.

**Ombudsman for Mental Health & Mental Retardation**

11800 State Highway 18

Brainerd, MN 56401

Contact: 218-828-2366

Toll-Free: 1-800-657-3506

[www.ombudmhm.state.mn.us](http://www.ombudmhm.state.mn.us)

Mediates/advocates on behalf of persons receiving services for mental illness, mental retardation or related conditions, chemical dependencies or emotional disturbances. Consultation regarding rights and treatment issues with individuals, programs and facilities. Reviews circumstances surrounding deaths or serious injuries of persons in residential or acute care facilities.

**Office of the Ombudsman for Older Minnesotans**

Contact: 651- 431-2555

Toll-Free: 800-657-3591

Investigates and works to resolve complaints about nursing homes, other long-term care residential services, home care services and hospitals relating to health, safety, well-being rights and government benefits. Provides information and educational programs to enable consumers to advocate for their own quality of care and quality of life within the health and long-term care system.

**Social Security Administration**

8331 Brandon Rd.

Baxter, MN 56425

Contact: 218-829-7174

Toll-Free: 1-800-772-1213

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

Automated services available 7 am to 7 pm M-F except federal holidays; toll-free number. Office hours are Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri. 9am – 4pm, Wed. 9am – 12pm