



Public Records & Property Valuation Department 2016 Highlights

Assessor's Division:

Completed the reappraisal of 16,000 Improved Residential Parcels in the following jurisdictions:

- **Gnesen, North Star, Alden, Ault, Pequaywan, Crane Lake, Kabetogama, Leiding, Orr, Camp Five, Field, Alango, Morcom, Linden Grove, Sturgeon, Willow Valley, Cook, Angora, Owens, Bassett, Fairbanks, Colvin, Buhl, Babbitt, Winton, Unorganized 53-15, 54-14, 54-15, 55-14, 55-15, 69-18, 69-17, 70-18, 68-19, 69-19, 70-19, 69-20, 70-20, 71-20, 70-21, 71-21, 68-18, 64-21, 65-21, 66-21, 67-21, 68-21, 66-20, 67-20, 68-20, 63-19, 67-19, 63-21, 62-21, 61-17, 62-17, 56-14, 57-14, 58-14, 60-20, 59-21, 64-12, 65-12, 66-12, 64-13, 65-13, 66-13, 67-13, 68-13, 64-14, 65-14, 66-14, 67-14, 68-14, 64-15, 65-15, 66-15, 67-15, 68-15, parts of Hibbing, Duluth Heights/Piedmont Heights/Kenwood areas of City of Duluth**
- **Re-appraised 600 Commercial and Industrial parcels in the London Road area of the City of Duluth from Lakeside to 10th Avenue East and in the UMD area**

Appeals & Tax Court:

- **Handled 1,072 Local Board of Equalization appeals and 104 County Board of Equalization appeals**
- **Resolved 19 tax court cases**

New Assessment Areas Acquired:

- **Town of French, Town of Van Buren, and Town of Culver.**

Assessment of all tax-exempt property during summer of 2016

Damage assessments for three windstorm events during the summer of 2016.

Opened new offices at the AP Cook Building in Duluth and in the City of Orr, Duluth Courthouse space reconfigured and planning for remodel underway

Recorder's Division:

Real Estate as of the end of November 2016

- **Recorded 35,136 real estate documents;**
 - **11,798 documents were recorded electronically or 33.58%**
- **Processed 166 Foreclosure transactions**
- **3,318 Torrens Certificates of Title created**

Vital Records

- **2,391 deaths in St. Louis County**

- **2,115 births**
- **29,949 Birth and Death records processed that includes certified, non-certified, verifications, exchanges and death record amendments**
- **1,152 Marriage applications processed, recorded 236 Ministerial Credentials**

2016 Major Accomplishments

- **Opening the new Assessor AP Cook and Orr office and completing the 1st phase of the Duluth Courthouse Assessor office**
- **Board passing a True County resolution that allows the County Assessor to assess the entire county in 2018**
- **Transferring all the microfilm from the Pike Lake Public Works Building to the new storage facility at the AP Cook office**
- **Relocating Recorder books to the new record library at the AP Cook office**

2017 Focus Areas

Increase the percentage of electronically recorded real estate transactions to 40%

Complete the City of Duluth reassessment

Implement plan for 2018 True County assessment

Create charge back mechanism for microfilm storage and maintenance

Assessor office team building

Fully implement transition of Assessor paper records to digital format

Implement Data Cloud Solutions Mobile assessment

Continuous Improvement Project

Possible assessor work flow project