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### COUNTY DISTRIBUTES \$1,085,465 FROM TIMBER AND LAND SALES: \$325,639 TO LOCAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES

The Crow Wing County Board approved the distribution of \$1,085,465 in 2020 surplus revenues generated from management of tax-forfeited lands at its regular meeting on April 13, 2021. The funds were generated from the sale of tax forfeited properties and the sale of timber on county managed tax forfeited lands. Under the approved allocation, local cities, townships, and school districts will receive \$325,639.

Local school districts will receive a total of \$217,093. Cities and townships will receive a total of \$108,546. By statute, the county recreation fund will receive \$108,546, and \$434,186 will be added to the county capital building fund with an additional \$217,093 being added to the county general fund.

“Over the past five years, just over \$5.8 million dollars in revenue from county managed lands has been generated for local governments,” stated Ryan Simonson, Environmental Services Supervisor.

“These dollars reduce tax levy spending by covering forest management costs and adding dollars to the county general fund. The funds also reduce local tax burdens by providing revenue to schools, cities, and townships within the county.”

Exact amounts to be distributed are based upon revenue linked directly to parcels located within individual taxing districts where any land or timber sales occurred and are apportioned by percentages established in state statute.

Crow Wing County Land Services manages 105,000 acres of forest land for timber production and diverse recreational opportunities for multiple users. The sale of timber at public auctions funds the county’s management of these lands, while providing revenues to local communities. County forest lands are managed to strict environmental standards established by both the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the Minnesota Forest Resources Council.

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