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Laredo and Tapestry Record Additions

All documents have now been imported into the real estate recording system back to the beginning of Pope County. Those most recently converted into the system (Mortgages, Satisfactions, Bonds, Miscellaneous, etc.) have the cross reference to the book and page listed under the "Location" feature. The deeds that were in the first import do not have the cross-reference currently, with plans to add them in the not-too-distant future. Also, the Tract Indexes have been copied and imported into the tract allowing researchers to view the old paper tract back to the beginning. The document has a "Tract Index" title and is among the documents that appear in a search. At this time, all Section-Township-Range copies have been indexed to the appropriate land. Subdivision tracts are in the process and will take longer to complete. As a service to those who regularly use Laredo or Tapestry, if you have completed a search for an older document or chain of title and cannot locate needed documents, please contact the office and they will be indexed to appear.

As with all conversions, there are some missing, mixed up, or items that need correction. This office has nearly 249,700 real estate documents on file. If you notice items that appear to need to correction or rearrangement, please send an e-mail to recorder@co.pope.mn.us It is greatly appreciated.

Effective July 13, 2010

Passport Fee Increase



Passport Book for 1 st time applicants		Renewal
Adults (16 & over)	\$135	\$110
Minors (under 16)	\$105	NA
Passport Card for 1 st time applicants		Renewal
Adults (16 & over)	\$55	\$30
Minors (under 16)	\$40	NA
Passport Book & Card 1 st time applicants		Renewal
Adults (16 & over)	\$165	\$140
Minors (under 16)	\$120	NA

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VITAL STATISTIC LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

The 2010 Minnesota Legislative Session has passed legislation that will affect some individuals in regards to vital statistics that will become effective now or soon.

Effective July 1, 2010: Certified copies of **Birth Certificates** will increase by \$10.00. Prior to July 1, a certified copy of a birth certificate (first copy) was \$16.00 and will increase to \$26.00. Additional certified copies of the same birth certificate (ordered at the same time as the first copy) were \$9.00 and will increase to \$19.00. This new \$10.00 State surcharge will be forwarded to the commissioner of management and budget for deposit in the general fund.

Effective July 1, 2010: **Marriage license full fee** will increase from \$110.00 to \$115.00. The reduced marriage license fee (with an Educator's statement) will remain the same at \$40.00. The new \$5.00 state surcharge will be forwarded to the state to assist in paying for the "Couples on the Brink" program.

Effective July 1, 2010, the **Educator's Statement**, which is used for the reduced fee marriage license is now able to either be notarized or a church seal used. The Educator's Statement must be presented when a couple applies for a marriage license. The statement must follow the format as outlined in M.S. 517.08, and it must include the couple's full legal names, the date, be signed by the educator, notarized or a church seal used, and be on the educator's letterhead

Effective August 1, 2010: **Notary filing fee** will decrease from \$100.00 to \$20.00 at the County level. The County is no longer responsible for collecting the State's fee of \$80.00. That fee will now be included at the time of application for the notary commission and will be paid directly to the state.

Effective August 1, 2010, all **Ex-officio Notaries** will be required to have a stamp similar to the notary public. This will include clerks of townships and cities; court administrators, county recorders, county auditors, their deputies, county commissioners and officers in certain situations.



GIS (Geographical Information Systems)

Pope County is in the beginning stages of GIS. A five year plan is underway to create the parcel layer for all tax parcels within the County. In 2009, the pilot area included Cities of Villard and Westport and Townships of Leven and Westport with parceling now complete. For this year (2010), the Cities of Glenwood and Long Beach and the Townships of Glenwood and Minnewaska are being created. The remainder of the County will be parceled over the next three years. Web Fusion will provide access to the public via the internet and is scheduled for late August. Pictometry will enable aerial digital images to view over GIS. If you have questions, contact Darby Bowen, County Recorder or Donna Martin, IT Manager.