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CROW WING COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

Twelve employees were recognized for excellence in their work at the [Crow Wing County Board meeting](#) on January 27th. The Recognition of Excellence program, which began in 2014, produced over 90 nominations from customers, peers, supervisors and elected officials, all highlighting county staff who demonstrated excellence in their work.

The Excellence Awards reinforce the importance of continuous improvement, raising the bar, going beyond what's expected and delivering great value. The awards recognize outstanding performance in one of six categories (Individual Performance, Group Performance, Innovation, Leadership Individual-Group, Customer Service and Community Contribution).

"The excellence program builds on what we stand for; delivering excellent service to our customers for the best value possible. What's not to like about setting excellence as our goal, it is a great story, one that we can all be proud of" said Paul Koering, County Board Chairman.

The 2014 Recognition of Excellence Awards were presented to the following Crow Wing County Staff Members:

Individual Performance

Ryan Simonson (Natural Resource Manager) – Land Services

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Our Vision: Being Minnesota's favorite place.

Our Mission: Serve well. Deliver value. Drive results.

Our Values: Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.

Innovation

Jake Frie (Natural Resource Manager) – Land Services

Community Contribution

Glow Bechard (Highway Maintenance Specialist) – Highway

Jeff Warzecha (Highway Maintenance Specialist) – Highway

Jory Danielson (Highway Maintenance Supervisor) – Highway

Group Performance

Jeri Bates (Financial Worker) – Community Services

Jessi Goble (Financial Specialist) - Community Services

Gail Oseland (Financial Worker) – Community Services

Kathie Cogger (Program Coordinator) - Community Services

Patty Ludwig (Case Aide) - Community Services

Leadership Individual-Group

Donna Parkin (Correctional Officer) – Sheriff's Office

Customer Service

Jason Rausch (Budget & Accounting Analyst) – Auditor's Treasurer Office