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# Crookston Official Offices Directory 2026: Court, Passports and the County Counter

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## SHORT ANSWER

Distance first: the **only immigration court** in Minnesota is the Fort Snelling Immigration Court, about **450 kilometers** from here. **That figure is not a reading from an official distance table, it is an ordinary road estimate;** measure your own route on a map. So a hearing here is not an afternoon, it is **a two-day plan**. The most valuable part of this guide, though, is not in a federal building but in the library: the **legal kiosk** at the Crookston Public Library branch, set up for applying for civil legal aid, reaching legal resources, meeting an attorney online and, in some cases, **attending a remote hearing in privacy**. And the most expensive mistake, stated up front: **the court does not docket faxes and electronic submissions it did not ask for, and discards them without notifying the sender**, which weighs more here than in the metro, because hand delivery for you is not an hour but a day. We publish **no USCIS, ICE, CBP, SSA or IRS street address**, because we could not confirm a single one from an official source this round.

## The most valuable section in this guide: the legal kiosk at the library

We feature this because on a document prepared by a law firm there is nothing more concrete for this city. The kiosk at the Crookston Public Library branch was set up under the statewide Minnesota Legal Kiosk Project. In the library's own description residents can use it to **apply for civil legal aid services, reach legal resources**, and in some cases **meet an attorney online** and **attend a remote court hearing** in privacy. Measure its value in distance: the court is about 450 kilometers away. If you have no internet at home, or no quiet room, the difference between joining a hearing from an enclosed space at the library and spending a day on the road is **real money**.

| ITEM                  | DETAILS                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Branch                | Crookston Public Library, a branch of Lake Agassiz Regional Library                                                           |
| Address and phone     | 110 N. Ash · 218-281-4522 · crookston@larl.org                                                                                |
| What the kiosk is for | Applying for civil legal aid, reaching legal resources, meeting an attorney online, and in some cases <b>a remote hearing</b> |

| ITEM                        | DETAILS                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Card fee                    | <b>Free</b> for residents of the seven counties the system serves; Polk is on that list                                                                          |
| Accepted identification     | A driver's license, a state identification card, <b>a social services card, a student ID, a tribal ID. No number is asked for</b>                                |
| What else the branch offers | Public computers, printing and wireless printing, faxing, scanning, study and meeting rooms, <b>borrowable wireless hotspots</b> , proctoring, curbside delivery |

#### THREE NOTES BEFORE YOU RELY ON THE KIOSK

- **Call first.** Ask the branch about availability that day and whether an appointment is needed; it is a single station and there may be a queue.
- **The kiosk is not a legal advice service.** It is a way to reach legal aid and a hearing, not a desk that advises you.
- **If you are joining a hearing, take your case number and your connection details with you,** and test the connection once before the hearing time.
- **And one distinction we do not soften:** the kiosk existing does not mean you have a right to appear remotely. **Whether a case is heard remotely is the judge's decision.** Make the request in advance through your attorney and **wait for the answer**; assuming you will appear remotely and not travelling can lead to an in absentia order if permission was not given.

## The immigration court

| ITEM                           | DETAILS                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Court                          | Fort Snelling Immigration Court, the <b>only</b> immigration court in Minnesota                                                                                                                           |
| Address                        | Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Suite 1850, Fort Snelling, MN 55111                                                                                                               |
| Distance from here             | <b>About 450 kilometers</b> , and that is a <b>road estimate, not an official measurement</b> . A hearing means an overnight trip or a flight                                                             |
| Phone                          | 612-725-3765                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Public hours and window filing | 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays; closed on federal holidays                                                                                                                                                    |
| General email                  | FortSnelling.Immigration.Court@usdoj.gov                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Asylum clock requests          | Asylum.Clock.Fort.Snelling@usdoj.gov. The request must give the name, the alien registration number and why the clock should be corrected; the court states the address is for <b>those requests only</b> |
| Fax and electronic filing      | <b>Not accepted unless staff or the judge specifically asked for it</b> , and unsolicited submissions are discarded without being docketed and without notice to the sender                               |
| Weather closures               | The court states itself that it can close unexpectedly in severe weather                                                                                                                                  |

Case status

[acis.eoir.justice.gov](https://acis.eoir.justice.gov) (with your A number) · 1-800-898-7180**FIVE RULES FOR GOING TO COURT**

- **Give a hearing two days, not one.** If the hearing is in the morning, travelling the evening before is far cheaper than missing it; next to the risk of an in absentia order, a hotel night is a small line.
- **Do not type the court's name into a navigation app.** The address has its own ZIP code and the name carries no municipal name. Enter **1 Federal Drive**.
- **Do not send a fax.** Faxing a time-sensitive document produces the same result as not sending it at all. And the weight is different here: a metro reader can go to the window and hand it in, **your hand-delivery option is a day on the road**. Do not leave it to the last day, ask your attorney up front which channel to use, and allow for mail time with **a tracked shipment**.
- **Check on the morning of the hearing whether the court has closed.** For a metro reader a closed court means going home; **for you it means a day spent travelling, perhaps with a hotel night, and no hearing**. Check the operating status page before you set out and have your attorney confirm that morning.
- **Security at every visit:** metal detectors and bag checks, you may be asked to remove your shoes, no food or drink except where the judge allows it, and no cameras or recording devices in courtrooms and other areas. **Hearings are open to the public** and no advance notice is needed; but **from here "go and see a courtroom before your first hearing" is not a realistic plan**, and we say so honestly. Have your attorney walk you through how a first hearing runs.
- **Check the case status weekly.** The official information is the hearing notice and the system can show new dates late; for a distant reader, learning of a date change late is more expensive here.

## The federal "reasonable distance": this is live here

We say this plainly, because which reader gets which information matters: **we did not write the framework below in our metro guides, because it is not a practical issue there. In north-west Minnesota it is live.** Minnesota has a land border with Canada and that has a legal meaning.

- **The rule itself:** federal regulation defines "reasonable distance", for the purposes of the relevant section of the immigration statute, as **within 100 air miles of any external boundary of the United States**. "External boundary" covers the land boundaries and the territorial sea.
- **The power runs both ways:** the same regulation lets the responsible officials **fix a shorter distance**, and in unusual circumstances **treat more than 100 air miles as reasonable**. So 100 miles is a starting framework, not a wall.
- **In fixing a distance** they weigh topography, transport arteries from the border, population density, inconvenience to the travelling public, types of conveyance, and information on illegal entry movements. The text is at [8 CFR 287.1](#).
- **And now what we are not writing: we give no distance figure.** We did not take Crookston's distance to the Canadian border from an official source, so we print no number and we do not say it is "inside" or "outside" that zone.

- **We also write nothing about what any officer will do.** The regulation is a framework of authority, not a prediction of behavior. Living near a border neither places an extra obligation on you nor gives you a protection; **what you are reading here is only which rule exists.** Talk to an attorney about your own situation.

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## The agencies we leave without an address, and why

- **USCIS:** the agency's pages were closed to automated access this round and the archive record was unreachable. **We do not publish an office address from an old archive.** What you need to know is the office types: a **field office** conducts interviews, an **application support center** takes fingerprints and a photograph, and they are not the same place. You do not choose the support center; which one you attend is stated in the **I-797C notice**. **And there is an open question here:** we **could not verify** which center serves a reader in north-west Minnesota, or even whether the appointment will be inside the state or across the line, **and we are not guessing.** Booking is free, the Contact Center is **1-800-375-5283**, and intermediary sites that charge for appointments are defrauding you.
- **There are no walk-ins, and that says more here.** Field offices do not take walk-in visitors, so **the option of stopping by a nearby office to ask does not exist for you at all;** get used to running everything by phone and through your online account. Rescheduling is possible, and **check your calendar the day the notice arrives:** a conflict spotted two days out can be rescheduled, one spotted on the morning cannot.
- **ICE and CBP:** no office address, phone number or office name appears here. Confirm check-in locations from the agency's own check-in page, and if you hold an appointment notice, **the address on that notice governs.** The detainee information line is **1-888-351-4024**. We **could not verify** the location or hours of the office that corrects I-94 errors made at entry in this region; some of those offices open only a few hours a week, so from here **write first, travel second** is not advice but a necessity.
- **Social Security Administration:** we could not confirm a single Minnesota office from an official source this round, and **we could not verify which office serves north-west Minnesota either.** We do not know whether the appointment will be inside the state or across the line and we are not guessing. Which office serves you is set by **your ZIP code;** [ssa.gov/locator](https://ssa.gov/locator), general line 1-800-772-1213.
- **IRS:** we could not verify the list of offices reviewing ITIN documents for Minnesota and **we publish no IRS office address. Assume the nearest office is not here:** in practice the choice is between mailing your passport and finding an authorized acceptance agent. Confirm the office and the appointment through [the IRS office locator](#); the appointment line is 844-545-5640.
- **County human services:** we could not verify the addresses of the Polk County offices that take health and benefit applications either, because the county's site was closed to automated access. Get the number from the county switchboard and ask on the first call: is the errand done in person, by phone, or online? **Going to the wrong door here may be a trip rather than a phone call.**
- **Winter closures are not an inconvenience here, they are a risk.** Federal offices can close in a snowstorm, and a closed office is not a half-hour delay for you but **a day on the road wasted.** For January and February appointments, check the agency's closures page and the forecast that morning, and consider travelling the evening before.

## Passports: no acceptance facility in this city, and none in the county

The State Department's own data file lists **125 acceptance facilities** in the state across 112 cities, **but not one of them is in Crookston and not one is anywhere in Polk County**. Every row below is a county counter outside the city, so each one means leaving town. **Watch the days and hours**, because two of these open only on certain days.

| FACILITY                                                        | ADDRESS                                     | PHONE, DAYS AND HOURS                                                                                                                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Red Lake County Auditor, the neighboring county                 | 124 Langevin Ave, Red Lake Falls, MN 56750  | 218-253-2598; <b>weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.</b> Appointments optional, photocopy service available. <b>The widest hours on this list</b>  |
| Pennington County counter, to the north                         | 101 Main Ave N, Thief River Falls, MN 56701 | 218-683-7022; <b>Tuesday to Friday only, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</b> Call for an appointment, photocopy service available. <b>Closed Monday</b> |
| Norman County Auditor - Treasurer, to the south                 | 16 E. Third Ave, Ada, MN 56510              | 218-784-5471; weekdays 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. <b>Call ahead or check the hours on the website</b> , photocopy service available             |
| Marshall County Veterans Services, a second county to the north | 208 E Colvin Ave, Ste #19, Warren, MN 56762 | 218-745-4303; <b>Monday and Wednesday only, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.</b> Two days a week, and the most restricted row in this table           |
| Mahnomen County Auditor, to the east                            | 311 N Main St, Mahnomen, MN 56557           | 218-935-5669; <b>Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.</b> Photocopy and notary services both available                                  |
| Beltrami County counter, the larger county to the east          | 701 Minnesota Ave NW, Bemidji, MN 56601     | 218-333-4138; <b>weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</b> Photocopy and notary services available                                                |

- **The two most useful rows are the ones with the longest hours**, because setting out for a counter that opens two days a week and finding it closed is not an afternoon here, it is a day. Make the facilities open full weekdays your default plan.
- **Call in every case.** Several of these facilities say in their own notes "call ahead" or "call for an appointment". Five minutes on the phone saves a day on the road.
- **Whether photocopying is available saves a journey.** Most of the facilities above do photocopying on site and two also notarize; at a facility without copying the second stop may be **another town**.
- **Finish more than one errand per trip.** At this distance a trip is not worth a single errand.
- **The hours came from encoded data.** We took them from the State Department's own acceptance facility data file and counted every phone number digit by digit, but the file does contain malformed rows elsewhere. **Do not set out on the strength of a single row.** Get the full list from [the acceptance facility search](#) with your ZIP code.
- **And the real convenience: renewals go by mail.** The people who must appear in person are first-time adult applicants, children under 16, anyone whose passport was lost, stolen or damaged, and anyone whose passport was issued before they turned 16 or is more than 15 years old. **If you are not in one of**

**those groups you go to no town at all**, you put an envelope in the mail; from here that is the most concrete time saving in this guide.

- Fees come as two separate payments: an adult passport book is **\$130**, a passport card **\$30**, book and card **\$160**, a book under 16 **\$100**, a card under 16 **\$15**, and expedited service **\$60 extra**; on top of that comes the **\$35 acceptance fee** paid to the facility. **At a small county counter, ask about accepted payment methods up front**, because some do not take cards.
- **The state's only passport agency for urgent travel is in the metro**, 212 3rd Ave S, Minneapolis, **by appointment only**, weekdays. Who qualifies: international travel within **14 calendar days**, or a foreign visa needed within **28 calendar days**; death and life-threatening emergencies are a separate category. Booking and information: **877-487-2778**. **And this category is genuinely hard from here**: the agency is **about 450 kilometers** away (a road estimate) and works against a 14-day threshold. **The most useful advice is never to need the emergency door**: if anyone in the household might travel abroad within 14 days, check their passport's expiry date today.
- **We are printing a conflict**: two official sources give two different opening times for the agency, one **8 a.m.** and the other **8:30 a.m.**; both give 3 p.m. for closing. **We are not picking one**. Treat the time on your appointment confirmation as the one that governs and call before you set out; driving about 450 kilometers and arriving half an hour early or late is not an acceptable risk.
- **Do not take non-urgent business to the agency**: routine and expedited applications go by mail through the State Department's National Passport Center. If you live in the north-west that center is your default route.
- **This section is about a U.S. passport**. A Turkish passport is not renewed at a post office; that errand runs through the Consulate General in Chicago and is covered in our consulate guide.

## County and city: which errand at which door

| OFFICE                          | DETAILS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Reporting a problem to the City | <b>There is no 311 number</b> . The channel is the <b>complaint and report form</b> on the site, plus City Hall and department numbers. Public works <b>218-281-5711</b> , the director's line <b>218-281-1232</b> ; City Hall is at <b>124 North Broadway</b> , weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. |
| Emergency alerts                | The City sends them through the Everbridge alert platform and <b>you have to sign up</b> . Winter parking restrictions also go out on KROX radio, cable channel 3, the Crookston Times and the City's Facebook page                                                                           |
| Who to write to                 | This is a <b>home rule charter city</b> divided into <b>six wards</b> ; each ward elects an alderman, and two more council members and the mayor are elected <b>at large</b> . For a street, park or sidewalk problem your direct contact is <b>the council member for your own ward</b>      |
| Water, sewer and garbage        | Water and sewer come from the city's own divisions; billing is <b>monthly</b> , the due date is <b>the 5th</b> , with a late charge. The garbage bin service is <b>optional</b> , the alternative being to haul your own to the <b>transfer station</b>                                       |

| OFFICE                       | DETAILS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Birth and death certificates | Polk County Recorder, <b>612 N Broadway, Room 225, 218-281-3464</b> , weekdays 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Minnesota Department of Health says <b>all 87 counties work from the same system and serve customers regardless of where they live</b> , so this counter issues you a <b>statewide certified certificate</b> |
| Marriage license             | The same office, the same address. <b>For a marriage license you must be there by 4 p.m.</b> , not 4:30. Both applicants apply, show photo identification and give a number <b>if they have one</b> . <b>We could not verify the amount this county collects</b> , so call before you go                            |
| Homestead classification     | To the Polk County assessor, by <b>December 31</b> ; an ITIN is accepted                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| School district              | Crookston Public Schools (ISD 593), <b>402 Fisher Avenue, Suite 593, 218-281-5313</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Apostille                    | The authentication desk of the Minnesota Secretary of State, First National Bank Building, 332 Minnesota Street, Suite N201, Saint Paul, MN 55101 · (651) 296-2803 or 1-877-551-6767, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. · apostille.oss@state.mn.us · <b>\$5 per apostille</b>                                                       |

#### THE FEES WE DELIBERATELY LEAVE BLANK

- **We print no amount for a marriage license.** The current statutory text shows the ordinary fee as **\$125** and the reduced fee with premarital education as **\$50**; the figures metro counties published in October 2026 are **\$115** and **\$40**. **And we could not verify this county's own figure.** The statute is also internally inconsistent: the clause setting the reduced fee says \$50 while the clause dividing the money still refers to the older figure. **We do not resolve that, we record it.**
- **We could not verify the county fee for a certified birth record** and the county's own form appears to carry an old date; rather than guess, we leave it blank. Ask the fee and the accepted payment method by phone before you go.
- **The Polk County marriage license and vital records pages could not be reached directly** and the information was read through a search index, so we give the county-specific procedural detail **at medium confidence**.
- **We could not verify the city's and the county's business license types and fees either**, because both sites were closed to automated access. We list no license type and no fee.
- **There is a payment conflict on the apostille side:** the unit's mail form asks for a check or money order, while the same office's outreach page says **only credit or debit cards are accepted**. **Confirm in writing or by phone** which payment route applies to the channel you will use.

## Emergency lines

| LINE                                               | NUMBER |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Emergency (police, ambulance, fire)                | 911    |
| Suicide and crisis line (interpretation available) | 988    |

| LINE                                      | NUMBER                                         |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Detainee information line                 | 1-888-351-4024                                 |
| USCIS Contact Center                      | 1-800-375-5283                                 |
| Refugee and immigrant helpline            | 1-800-814-4806 (this item should be confirmed) |
| City public works and the director's line | 218-281-5711 · 218-281-1232                    |

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