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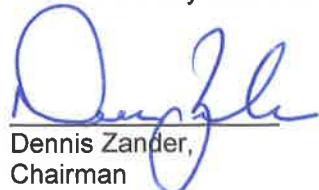
Dawson County Resident,

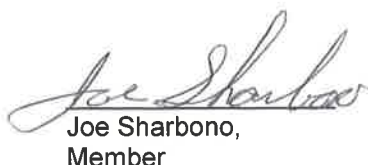
The last several days have seen the world, country and state go through some significant changes due to this unprecedented virus pandemic. Dawson County will not go unaffected by this virus, and in time, it will show up in our community, if it has not already. Dawson County officials have been in and continue to be in contact with Federal, State and other local officials on this ever-changing issue. In an effort to try and minimize the effect on our local health care and emergency services, each one of us will need to make short term adjustments to our personal lives. The Board of County Commissioners are committed to protecting the residents of Dawson County while also taking into account the personal hardship caused by some by these actions. Along with following all the Federal and State guidelines, Dawson County will enact the following first steps to further protect not only our most vulnerable but all residents:

- All nonessential board and county meetings will be canceled until further notice. Other meetings deemed necessary will be conducted by conference call and will be noticed by normal means as such.
- All community and conference rooms normally available to the public will be closed and not open for reservations until further notice. Current scheduled reservations are canceled and can be rescheduled at a later date.
- All nonessential County offices will be closed to the visiting public, any business will be conducted over the phone, mail and/or electronically until further notice.
 - The Senior Citizen Center will be closed but will continue to operate the Meals on Wheels program and normal congregate lunches will be served as a pick-up, to-go. Please make reservations as normal.
 - The Glendive Library will be closed to the public but items will be available for check out by calling, reserving and picking the item up during set hours. Further information will be noticed on services.
 - The Dawson County Health Department will remain open but reservations and the nature of the visit will be required prior to visiting the courthouse.
- Essential County offices, (Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Treasurer, County Attorney, and Clerk and Recorder) required to be open by MCA code, will operate with limited staff interfacing with the public. The public is also be encouraged to conduct business by phone, mail and/or electronically when possible.
- The Dawson County Urban Transportation Buses are to be only utilized for medical appointments or shopping for basic human resources.

We are committed to protecting the residents of Dawson County and will continue to keep the public informed as this ever-changing issue evolves. Additional steps needed to protect the public will be publicly noticed with as much time as can be permitted. This shall pass and with community commitment we can all make sure that the journey will be as less inconvenient as possible.

Sincerely;
Dawson County Board of Commissioners


Dennis Zander,
Chairman


Joe Sharbono,
Member


Gary Kartevold,
Member