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March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Limiting Citizen Access to All County Buildings**

Moorhead, MN – Pursuant to Resolution 2020-16 of the Clay County Board of Commissioners meeting dated March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and through consultation from Public Health and Emergency Management, Clay County will be limiting access to all public buildings effective March 19<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Exterior doors will be locked at the law enforcement center, courthouse, family service center and the highway department.

In implementing these measures, Clay County will be following guidelines presented by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Executive Order of Governor Walz and recommendations of President Trump on social distancing. Providing for the well-being and limiting exposure to our employees and the general public is of the utmost importance to the Clay County Board of Commissioners.

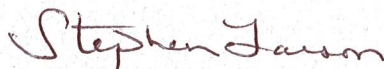
While the buildings will be closed to the public, services and operation hours will continue to be provided to the citizens through phone, email and by appointment only. Clay County also offers many on-line services. Citizens are encouraged to explore these options and utilize them whenever possible. Citizens should call prior to coming to campus to ensure department/staff availability. A listing of department/agency contacts will be provided at each door.

Public access to the courthouse will continue for court related business. If you have any questions, please contact (218) 299-5065.

The landfill will continue with normal operations. See the Clay County website for procedure changes at motor vehicle.

Due to the fluidity of information regarding COVID-19 it is anticipated that further updates will be provided. The Clay County website (<https://claycountymn.gov/>) will be updated and can be utilized by citizens for new announcements, press releases, preparedness recommendations, along with local closure information.

Thank You,



Stephen Larson, Clay County Administrator