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Press Release

County Offices Closed to Public

MARCH 19, 2020, PIPESTONE, MN – All Pipestone County offices, with the exception of District Court Services only for essential appearances or business and County Board Meetings, are closed to the public effective at 8:00 AM March 20, 2020 and until further notice. The decision was made by the Pipestone County Board of Commissioners who held a special meeting in the County Board Room on Thursday afternoon, March 19th, 2020, to discuss appropriate prevention and protection measures in response to the expanding COVID-19 pandemic. This was done in consultation with Emergency Management Director Casey Sievert and Sheriff Keith Vreeman.

Exceptions will be made for Pipestone County citizen/client transactions that require an in person visit and cannot be postponed. These exceptions will require an appointment.

In taking these measures, Pipestone County remains in line with guidance for social distancing strategies recommended by both the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and Center for Disease Control (CDC) in addition to the Governor of Minnesota and the Commissioner of Health.

This action will also help protect staff and the general public from being exposed to potentially ill individuals and spreading the virus to our residents, friends and families.

While the offices will be closed to the public, normal county services and operations will continue to be provided to the community on the same schedule, through both phone and email. Many services can also be done online if necessary and citizens are encouraged to explore those options. A listing of department contacts can be found on the county webpage (www.pipestone-county.com) or by calling the Emergency Management Department at 507-825-1170 or County Administration at 507-825-1200.

Please refer to CDC.gov or the Minnesota Department of Health at health.state.mn.us for updates on COVID-19 progression and prevention guidance.

Thank You,
Bruce Kooiman, Pipestone County Board Chair
Steve Ewing, County Administrator