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Campbell County Courthouse to Close to General Public, Services Continue

Gillette, WY—March 23, 2020, 12:10 pm Campbell County, along with the rest of the country, is facing unprecedented times. Unprecedented times require a creative approach to providing necessary services. In response to the ever-shifting COVID-19 landscape we are all facing, the Campbell County Board of Commissioners has decided to close the Campbell County Courthouse to the general public. Services such as titling, document recording, license plate renewal, and tax payments will still be available.

Effective March 23, 2020, at 5:00 pm, the Campbell County Courthouse will be closed to the general public. Services will continue to be provided, but the general public will not be allowed access into the courthouse except as described below. The external front doors to the courthouse will remain open from the hours of 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday; however, access to the courthouse and individual departments will **not** be allowed. Entrance into the Courthouse will be limited to those needing to access court proceedings in either Circuit or District Court subject to the restrictions established by orders of those Courts and the Wyoming Supreme Court.

The foyer area inside the front doors is accessible to the public for the sole purpose of utilizing locked and secured drop boxes for departments that are accepting payments, documents, and other drop-off items. Care should be taken to ensure that the correct receptacle is used.

Titles: You may utilize the drop box located in the courthouse lobby. If you have questions about the paperwork that you need processed and/or recorded by the Clerk's Office, please call (307) 682-7283 or email srg02@ccgov.net. More information regarding titling can be found at www.ccgov.net/814/Titling.

Document Recording: There will be a separate dropbox located in the courthouse lobby. If you have questions about the paperwork that you need recorded by the Clerk's office, please call (307) 687-6255 or email llg02@ccgov.net (you may send a picture for reference). Mailed documents will be processed as usual. Recording fees can be found at www.ccgov.net/818/Recording. Documents delivered by mail or left at the dropbox after 3:30 pm will be processed the following business day. Drop boxes will be checked regularly.

Marriage Licenses will require an appointment. Please call (307) 682-7285.

Document Research: The vault will be closed until further notice for onsite research. Most documents "Patent to Present" are available online through the following companies:

- WyomingLandRecords.com at 303-502-5009
- landdataimages.com at 866-825-0303
- bighornimaging.com at 307-683-6800

Tax payments and license plate renewals can be made either online, by mail, or by using the drop box located in the lobby of the courthouse. Receipts (and motor vehicle renewals or new plates, if applicable) will be mailed at no cost. Any questions may be directed to (307) 682-7268.

The Judges of the 6th Judicial District met March 20, 2020, to consolidate efforts regarding the impending closure of the Campbell County Court House. After significant discussion, the Judiciary will commence limited but mandatory

operations starting Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 1:00 pm. The courts would continue limited but mandatory operations on the following schedule:

- Mondays-Wednesdays-Fridays; from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.
- Tuesdays: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

This schedule would remain in effect until Friday, April 10, 2020, as directed by the Wyoming Supreme Court "ORDER ADOPTING TEMPORARY PLAN TO ADDRESS HEALTH RISKS POSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC." The Courts intend resuming normal day-to-day operations on Monday, April 13, 2020, unless directed otherwise by the Wyoming Supreme Court.

The Judiciary believes this is the only way to function while still maintaining Constitutional Rights and that further limitations would negatively impact the Judicial process.

Coordination with the Campbell County Sheriff's Office Court Security Division has occurred with the intent of allowing only parties to cases into the facility. The Judiciary feels confident that the entry of unauthorized personnel can be eliminated, ensuring deputies from the Court Security Division have the appropriate rosters to allow authorized access.

The Board of County Commissioners will continue to meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The physical meetings will not be open to the public. However, they will continue to be streamed online through Gillette Public Access' Government Channel 192. Public comments regarding agenda items can be submitted via email to boc@ccgov.net. Comments must be received by noon the Monday prior to the Tuesday meeting. Comments received after 12 pm will be read or considered at the next meeting. Only items of immediate necessity will be added to the agenda. For questions regarding agenda items, please call the Office of the Commissioners at (307) 682-7283.

The entire resolution can be viewed [here](#).

The Board of Commissioners wants to remind everyone that while there is much uncertainty, now is not the time to panic. The citizens of Campbell County are the absolute best. We have seen them rise to the occasion many times before, and we know you all will do so again. It is imperative that we look out for each other, helping our neighbors whenever possible. One of the most important ways we can take care of each other is by taking recommendations from the CDC, the State of Wyoming, and public health officials seriously. Following the guidelines will help us protect all of our citizens. We plead that everyone will follow "social distancing," ensuring at least six feet of space between people, especially in the stores. Stay home if you are not feeling well! Regularly wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after touching surfaces commonly touched by many. Use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available. Cover your cough and sneeze to keep from spreading droplets in the air. Sanitize common areas and frequently touched areas regularly. Please remember, we are all in this together.

More information regarding COVID-19 in Campbell County is available at ccgov.net/covid19.

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