

PRESS RELEASE

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We are still moving at a very fast pace with things changing daily and sometimes faster. We have seen Governor's Directives, local Public Health Orders and many other instructions. On Monday March 16, 2020, the Noble County Commissioners signed a Declaration of Emergency to enable our government to more effectively respond along with the State and Federal government to ensure the health and safety of our citizens in Noble County. In the days following the Health Department, Prosecuting Attorney and Emergency Management Agency (EMA) worked with county offices and others to give guidance and establish plans to continue operating our government services in a way that complies with these orders and promotes the health, safety and well-being of our employees and the public. The big three items 1) limit the movement of people to control spread 2) practice good hygiene to include hand washing and cleaning 3) practice the 6-foot rule for social distancing.

Further, on March 19, 2020, the Noble County Commissioners passed a Resolution to close county buildings to the public except by appointment. All county buildings will have one access door only. For the Courthouse it is the West Street door and a Door Attendant will be posted there to receive mail, drop offs and packages as well as provide for pickups and sign people in and out for their appointments. There are two exceptions to the appointment rule and those are if you must attend court or a public meeting. All others are asked to call ahead and schedule an appointment, or use the mail, drop-off, telephone or email options an office may offer to conduct your business. You will be asked to provide your name and a contact phone number at the time you enter the building.

Several of our offices are going above and beyond by offering curbside services when it makes sense. The Clerk of Courts, Karen Starr is continuing **Title Services Only** at the former Roxy Theatre by opening the "ticket booth" to service title customers. However, she is not permitted to offer licensing services there at this time. Information by office will be available on websites, facebook pages and posted for the public's information at the public buildings. We are also asking news media to post this information so the public can be made aware to the best of our ability. The Noble County Commissioners, the Health Commissioner, the EMA Director and all our County Offices and Employees appreciate your patience and understanding as we all try to get through this together.