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LINCOLN COUNTY ISSUES DECLARATION OF HEALTH EMERGENCY

CARRIZOZO, NM – March 24, 2020 – The Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners held an emergency meeting on Monday to declare a health emergency due to COVID-19 and approved Resolution 2019-36. The Commission is taking this action to ensure that the maintenance of health, safety and well-being of Lincoln County citizens continues to be its first priority.

“The State of New Mexico has issued a directive to minimize face-to-face contact while continuing to delivery service,” said Dallas Draper, Chairman - Lincoln County Commission. “We are taking similar steps at the County in order to emphasize social distancing.”

Starting Tuesday, March 24 the following changes are being implemented in Lincoln County:

- All employees and members of the public entering the Courthouse / Public Officials building will enter and exit the building through one door into the Courthouse, which is accessed through the inner courtyard of the Complex. Signage has been placed to direct the public.
- The Offices of the Treasurer, the Assessor and the Clerk are closed to the public; but will be conducting business telephonically and through mail.
- All county departments are in the process of determining which employees are essential, working on site; which are essential, but able to telework; and which are non-essential, with duties not conducive to telework.
- The Manager’s office will remain open, with limited staff.
- County residents receiving Solid Waste bills, which will be mailed later this week, will be required to mail payment to the County or pay by credit card.

Please see the attached resolution for additional information.

For contact information and additional updates on COVID-19, please visit:

<https://www.lincolncountynm.gov/>

New Mexicans who develop symptoms of COVID-19 infection – fever, cough or shortness of breath – should call their health care provider or the NMDOH COVID-19 hotline immediately (1-855-600-3453). More information: <https://cv.nmhealth.org/>