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The Sweet Grass County Commissioners and other elected officials continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation.

The Federal Government and the State of Montana have declared a state of emergency because of the COVID-19 virus.

Sweet Grass County and Big Timber has declared a state of emergency for this jurisdiction. This decision will be re-evaluated on a regular basis. We recognize that this virus may find its way to our community and local officials continue to prepare for that possibility.

To date, there have been no COVID-19 infections that have occurred in Sweet Grass County. Local officials and emergency service providers would encourage everyone to follow the basic guidelines to help ensure the health and safety of everyone.

As with any emergency or disaster, there are people that take advantage of these situations and will try to defraud others. Please be aware of this before you access high risk websites. These websites can be set up to sell products or to give out information. Please access only trusted websites. This risk becomes even greater because of the shortages of certain supplies. Also, it is important that you gather your information from reputable and trusted websites. We believe there is a lot of misinformation circulating.

Federal and State authorities have identified certain protocols that will minimize your risk and reduce the spread of this virus. These protocols are evolving hourly. This information can be found at: Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Ready and Safe Montana. The Sweet Grass County Commissioners are committed to protecting county staff and the public that they serve. We encourage everyone to limit your business to essential business only. If possible, please use phone calls, internet access and mail to conduct your business. If you must travel to the county offices, please follow the basic protocols set in place.

County Officials recognize that local businesses are faced with difficult challenges. Officials encourage the support of local business. While supporting these local businesses, you are encouraged to follow appropriate protocols to ensure everyone's health and safety. Please refer to the trusted websites for appropriate protocols.

The County Commissioners understand that our county is demographically different than that of Yellowstone and Gallatin. We are relying on the good faith of businesses to assist us in stopping the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We are making every effort to work with business owners in these unprecedented times. We are also open to suggestions that conform with the CDC guidelines.