

PRESIDING OFFICER (EXECUTIVE) ORDER 2020-6

WHEREAS on the 17th day of March 2020, the Board of Big Horn County Commissioners passed Emergency Proclamation Resolution No 2020-7, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BIG HORN COUNTY, MONTANA PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE IMMINENT THREAT OF A DISASTER CAUSING IMMEDIATE PERIL TO LIFE OR PROPERTY THAT TIMELY ACTION CAN AVERT OR MINIMIZE; and

WHEREAS Montana Code Annotated § 10-3-406 provides:

10-3-406. Authority of principal executive officer. (1) Upon the declaration of an emergency or disaster under **10-3-402** or **10-3-403** and the issuance of an order as required by **10-3-404**, the principal executive officer may:

(a) direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the population from an incident or emergency or disaster area within that political subdivision when necessary for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery; and

(b) control the ingress and egress to and from an incident or emergency or disaster area and the movement of persons within the area.

(2) Subject to **7-33-2212**(4)(a), the authority to control ingress and egress, as provided in subsection (1)(b), includes the authority to close wildland areas to access during periods of extreme fire danger.

WHEREAS on various dates prior hereto the Big Horn County Commissioners passed various motions that resulted in Presiding Officer (Executive) Orders [hereinafter Orders shall be referred to as Order _____ with the appropriate number] being executed, the most recent being Order 5 dated June 15, 2020.

WHEREAS on the 27th day of July 2020, the Big Horn County Commissioners passed a motion that all previous Orders be revoked. It being understood that if an Order was previously revoked by a subsequent Order that this revocation shall not work a revival of the previously revoked Order and that it is the intent of this Order that all previous Orders be revoked.

WHEREAS on the 27th day of July 2020, the Big Horn County Commissioners passed a motion that subject to the three (3) items below, beginning 5:00 p.m. local time, Monday, July 27, 2020, that all buildings owned by Big Horn County, unless otherwise closed to the public, shall be locked during the hours

that they are normally open and that by each public entrance that a notice be posted listing the phone number of each office in that building and asking any person who needs to do business with a particular office in that building shall call the office and make an appointment for a specific time to transact business with that office. Upon arrival for appointment, and after confirmation thereof, the person who has the appointment shall be allowed in the one entrance in the building owned by Big Horn County which shall remain opened but staffed during the times such buildings would normally be open:

- 1) each person, unless excluded by the then current Gubernatorial Executive Order, Directive, Administrative Order of the Twenty-Second Judicial District Court of the State of Montana or Local Health Order, whether such person works for Big Horn County or not, entering a building owned by Big Horn County must during their time in the building properly wear a face mask or covering and maintain appropriate social distancing by remaining at least six feet (6') apart from other persons. Signage stating that masks or face coverings shall be required for everyone over the age of five (5) years shall be placed at the door used for the entrance to any building owned by the County with a warning that failure to follow the above rules may result in removal from the building.
- 2) Upon the request of the Local Health Officer the Council on Aging facilities commonly known as the Senior Citizen Centers in both Hardin and Lodge Grass shall remain closed to the public, but will continue to serve their patrons by take-out and delivery.
- 3) The re-opening of the Big Horn County Library shall be in the discretion of the Library Board of Trustees.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED,

that all previous Orders are revoked effective 5:00 p.m. local time, Monday, July 27, 2020. It being understood that if an Order was previously revoked by a subsequent Order that this revocation shall not work a revival of the previously revoked Order and that it is the intent of this Order that all previous Orders be revoked.

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED subject to the three (3) items below, beginning 5:00 p.m. local time, Monday, July 27, 2020, that all buildings owned by Big Horn County, unless otherwise closed to the public, shall be locked during the hours that they are normally open and that by each public entrance that a notice be posted listing the phone number of each office in that building and asking any person who needs to do business with a particular office in that building shall call the office and make an appointment for a specific time to transact business with that office. Upon arrival for appointment, and after confirmation thereof, the person who has the appointment shall be allowed in the one entrance in the building owned by Big Horn County which shall remain opened but staffed during the times such buildings would normally be open:

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. local time, Monday, July 27, 2020.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that this order shall remain in effect until further notice.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that this Order may be revised, updated, amended, changed or revoked in whole or in part at any time.

Done and Dated at Hardin, MT this 27th day of July 2020 at 12 : 50 p.m.



George Real Bird III,
Presiding Officer
Big Horn County Commissioners