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Mono County Services Offered Online Ahead of Move to New Civic Center Office Building

Department of Social Services to Continue to Provide Application Support

MONO COUNTY, Calif. (May 21, 2020) – All Mono County services operating out of the Sierra Center Mall have been transitioned online (and available by phone) as the county moves forward with its occupancy of the Civic Center in late June. For most residents, this will not represent a shift in operations as the majority of county department staff are currently working remotely due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic. All Mono County departments continue to service residents in a virtual capacity.

"We are excited about our move to the Civic Center, which progresses on schedule and on budget, even given the current circumstances," said Bob Lawton, Acting County Administrative Officer. "Our Departments have been serving Mono County residents virtually for nearly two months, and we appreciate the public's patience and flexibility as we navigate both our physical move to the Civic Center, and our virtual move to online services."

All Mono County departments remain open, and services are available virtually via online resources and telephonic services. This includes the Departments of Behavioral Health, Social Services, Community Development & Planning, Public Health, Economic Development & Tourism, Public Works, and more. A full listing of departments and how they can be reached can be accessed on the Government tab of the Mono County <u>website</u>.

In addition to their online presence, the Department of Social Services will provide printed copies of applications and other resources at a temporary site at the Mono County Women, Infants and Children (WIC) office at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 270 (Minaret Mall, 2nd floor above Booky Joint). Additional information on these services, which include assistance programs,

child welfare services, adult services, employment services, senior programs, and much more can be accessed <u>here</u>.

Construction of the 33,000 square foot Mono County Civic Center building began just over a year ago. Located on Sierra Park Road between Mammoth Hospital and the Mammoth Lakes Police Department, the new Civic Center brings essential County services under one roof, providing easier, centralized access to programs and offices, and a professional setting for public meetings. Details on the Mono County Civic Center, including a calendar outlining the transition plan, can be accessed here.

For more information, please contact Robert Lawton, Acting County Administrative Officer at <u>rlawton@mono.ca.gov</u>.

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