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CRAWFORD COUNTY COVID-19 POSITIVES REMAINS AT FIVE ***Mitigation and prevention are still the best ways to stop this virus. Stay At Home Ordered.***

MEADVILLE, PA –Because of the continued required shut down as directed by the Governor of Pennsylvania, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the current financial status of the County over the last several days. Based on our internal reviews of lower than expected revenue numbers and the potential for further decreased revenue in the coming months, the commissioners today have made the difficult decision to furlough a portion of our work force. The department heads and elected officials reviewed their respective departments and made the reductions in staff based on the ability to still provide essential service to the citizens. The furlough will begin April 13th and will be effective for an indefinite amount of time or until they are recalled by the County. Furloughed employees will still be covered by the County's healthcare program under the current guidelines and contributions. The commissioners will continually be monitoring the situation and understand that other adjustments in the workforce may be required.

The County is also currently working on establishing a COVID-19 information line for citizens who do not have access to the internet or the media. By calling the number, citizens will be able to listen to a recording of COVID-19 related information including ways to minimize the spread of the virus, the current status of the County, and some other resources that may be available. The information will be updated as necessary.

All of us have the opportunity to lessen the impact of COVID-19 in Crawford County if we practice the measures outlined from the PA Department of Health: please wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use an alcohol- based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available; cover any coughs or sneezes with your elbow, instead of your hands; clean surfaces frequently, including countertops, light switches, cell phones and other frequently touched items. Finally, if you are sick, stay home until you are feeling better. We understand that staying at home and practicing mitigation efforts is difficult, but we all must do everything in our power to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Crawford County. The more we practice these mitigation efforts, the sooner we will see cases of COVID-19 decline and the sooner the restrictions may be lifted. Thanks for doing your part! Stay Calm . . . Stay Home . . . Stay Safe!

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