

**MEEKER COUNTY – DEPARTMENT SERVICES**  
HELPFUL INFORMATION DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC  
Meeker County Website – [www.co.meeker.mn.us](http://www.co.meeker.mn.us)

**PUBLIC HEALTH** – The top priority of Public Health is to protect the health of the community during the COVID-19 emergency. This agency is acting in line with all federal, state and local directives; and in partnership with local emergency services including area clinics, hospitals, emergency response, social services, school districts, childcare providers, and more. Services are being provided to existing clients and new referrals are being accepted through telephone support, instead of face-to-face interaction.

Contact Information: Phone – (320) 693-5370, Web – [www.co.meeker.mn.us/208/Public-Health](http://www.co.meeker.mn.us/208/Public-Health)

*\*Check out the new Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Website at [www.mmspublichealth.org](http://www.mmspublichealth.org)*

**ADMINISTRATOR** – Because of the President's declaration of a health pandemic of COVID-19 and the MN declaration 20-01 State of Emergency, the Meeker County Board of Commissioners will hold Regular Board Meetings by utilization of electronic means under the authority granted in MN Stat. 13D.021. The Administrator's Office will continue to provide services by phone, email or by appointment as necessary. The Transfer Station is open 8:00 to 4:30 M-F and 8:00 to noon on Saturdays.

Contact Information: Phone – (320) 693-5200, Web – [www.co.meeker.mn.us/149/Administrator](http://www.co.meeker.mn.us/149/Administrator)

**ASSESSOR** – The Assessor's Office is available by phone and email. The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meetings for each Township/City will continue as scheduled. If you are appealing your value for taxes payable in 2021, contact the Township/City that you live in or call the Assessor's Office for information regarding how each meeting is being conducted.

Contact Information: Phone – (320) 693-5205, Web – [www.co.meeker.mn.us/151/Assessor](http://www.co.meeker.mn.us/151/Assessor)

**AUDITOR** – Census Response is underway. There are three ways that the Census Bureau will initially collect responses for the 2020 Census: online at [my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov), by phone (844) 330-2020 or by mail. Late in May 2020, Census Bureau workers are scheduled to begin following up with in-person visits to homes that have not responded. As of Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> Meeker County's response rate was 47%.

Contact Information: Phone – (320) 693-5212, Web – [www.co.meeker.mn.us/168/Auditor](http://www.co.meeker.mn.us/168/Auditor)

**COUNTY ATTORNEY** – The County Attorney's Office is closed to the public; however, in-person services are being fully provided through alternative methods. General inquiries are being handled by phone and routed accordingly. Victims may contact the Victim's Services Office directly by phone for assistance.

Contact Information: Phone – (320) 693-5220, Web – [www.co.meeker.mn.us/166/attorney](http://www.co.meeker.mn.us/166/attorney)

*Victim's Services Office Phone – (320) 693-5220*

*\*For help with OFP/HROs, contact Safe Avenues at (320) 593-0876*

**PLANNING & ZONING** – The Planning and Zoning Department still continues to provide services by phone, email or mail. They are taking applications and conducting business pertaining to building inspections, septic projects, land use permits, conditional use permits, and variances.

Contact Information: Phone – (320) 693-5290, Web – [www.co.meeker.mn.us/199/Planning-Zoning](http://www.co.meeker.mn.us/199/Planning-Zoning)

**PUBLIC WORKS/HIGHWAY/PARKS** – The Public Works Department continues to provide services for the County transportation and parks systems. The Litchfield Transportation Facility is closed to public access, but services to the public are being provided through email and telephone. Necessary in office visits can be arranged by appointment.

Highway Maintenance projects are ongoing, including spring maintenance activities, such as pavement crack maintenance and gravel shouldering. The 2020 Highway Construction Program is expected to proceed as planned. Major roads impacted this coming construction season are CSAH 6 southeast of Dassel, CSAH 9 south of CSAH 18, & CSAH 1 south of Trunk Highway 7.

Parks and facilities are being cleaned and maintained; however, restroom supplies will be at a minimum. All playgrounds, play equipment, and picnic tables are off limits. Shelter rental and camping will be dealt with as needed depending on future circumstances. Please maintain social distancing and follow cleanliness guidelines when using parks and trails.

Contact Information: Highway Dept. Phone – (320) 693-5360, Web – [www.co.meeker.mn.us/181/Highway](http://www.co.meeker.mn.us/181/Highway)  
Parks Dept. Phone – (320) 693-5450 Parks, Web – [www.co.meeker.mn.us/Facilities](http://www.co.meeker.mn.us/Facilities)

**RECORDER** – The Recorder’s Office is closed to the public but available by phone, email ([recorder@co.meeker.mn.us](mailto:recorder@co.meeker.mn.us)), e-recording, and by mail for all services. Real estate abstractors are able to access our recorded documents via a Laredo subscription. See website for details.

Contact Information: Phone – (320) 693-5440, Web – [www.co.meeker.mn.us/209/Recorder](http://www.co.meeker.mn.us/209/Recorder)

**SHERIFF** – Sheriff Brian Cruze remains committed to public safety and assures the public all calls for services will be handled accordingly. Deputies may utilize phone contact, where applicable, to handle some calls. There is no change for 911 emergency or medical calls. All emergencies will generate a response by law enforcement and all medicals will be dispatched to the appropriate EMS personnel.

The lobby areas of the Law Enforcement Center and Jail are by appointment only. To set up an appointment for processing of gun permits or civil process services please call (320) 693-5414. The Jail has suspended in-person inmate visitation until April 10th, at which point it will be re-evaluated. Phone visitation still remains available.

Contact Information: Non-Emergency Phone – (320) 693-5400, Web – [www.co.meeker.mn.us/217/Sheriff](http://www.co.meeker.mn.us/217/Sheriff)  
For All Jail-Related Business – (320) 693-5415

**SOCIAL SERVICES** – The Social Services lobby is closed to the public; however, staff is available by phone. All services remain available, although some contacts may be done by phone or video conferencing. For services, please contact an intake worker at (320) 693-5300.

Applications for SNAP, cash, emergency and medical assistance can be picked up outside of the building located at 114 N Holcombe Avenue in Litchfield. Applications for cash, SNAP, and childcare assistance are available online at [www.applymn.dhs.mn.gov](http://www.applymn.dhs.mn.gov), and medical assistance at [www.mnsure.org](http://www.mnsure.org). Links to these sites are also available on the Meeker County website. Applications and other documents can be submitted by either placing them in the drop box located outside the building or sent via email to [SocServ.info@co.meeker.mn.us](mailto:SocServ.info@co.meeker.mn.us).

\*For urgent mental health care, please contact Woodland Centers mobile crisis unit at (320) 231-9158 or (800) 432-8781. This service remains open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is free for adults and children in Meeker County.

Contact Information: Phone – (320) 693-5300, Web – [www.co.meeker.mn.us/239/Social-Services](http://www.co.meeker.mn.us/239/Social-Services)

**TREASURER**– The Treasurer’s Office is able to handle all requests by phone, mail, or through the Meeker County website. Services include: birth certificates, marriage licenses, marriage certificates, and death certificates.

Multiple options are available for property tax payments, including: through the website, via mail, or by using the payment drop box located in the parking lot of the courthouse building.

Contact Information: Phone – (320) 693-5345, Web – [www.co.meeker.mn.us/170/Treasurer](http://www.co.meeker.mn.us/170/Treasurer)

**VETERANS SERVICES** – The Veterans Service Office is closed to the public; however, staff is available by phone. All services are being provided to Veterans and surviving spouses through phone, fax, and email, instead of face-to-face interaction. Staff will consult with Veterans at the building entrance in emergency situations. Transportation to the VAMC by Veteran's van is available for urgent care conditions.

The Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs is launching two COVID-19 Disaster Relief Grants for eligible Minnesota Veterans and surviving spouses. Please call or email the Veterans Service Office for details.

Contact Information: Phone – (320) 693-5445, Web – [www.co.meeker.mn.us/198/Veterans-Service](http://www.co.meeker.mn.us/198/Veterans-Service)