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CARBON COUNTY DETENTION FACILITY BOND ELECTION DELAYED

{Red Lodge, Montana, March 31, 2020} In light of the events of the last month and the looming Covid-19 pandemic, we, the Carbon County Commission believe that it would be best to postpone placing the Detention Facility issue on the mail ballot this year. Given the uncertain nature of this unprecedented situation, the volatility of the financial markets and out of respect to our fellow citizens, we feel it would not be prudent to ask this very important question while there is so much uncertainty in our community.

The need for a detention facility is not going to go away. We will finalize our plans to build the project, and design the best facility to serve Carbon County going in to the future. We feel the responsible decision right now is to hold off the ballot initiative until a time where things have calmed enough to truly have a fair, informed decision made by our citizens regarding the safety of our county.

As long as we meet timelines set forth by the Elections Administrator and state statute, we can have everything in place, and get this on a mail in ballot next year.

We feel this is the best course of action for this issue, as the need for a detention facility will remain a priority for the safety of our county residents and law enforcement.

Carbon County Board of Commissioners

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