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As you are aware the current County Ordinance regarding the wearing of masks and other Covid-19 precautions is set to expire at the end of the day on Sunday February 28, 2021. The Andrew County Commissioners unanimously are of the opinion that it is time to let the ordinance quietly expire and not extend it. While we realize that the risks associated with the Covid-19 virus and its new variant strains are still present and a concern to our community, it is our opinion that the public is well informed of what precautions are necessary and are able to decide for themselves at this point what precautions are warranted.

The Commission's goal via the ordinance has been to attempt to control the spread of the virus so as not to overwhelm our medical services capabilities. The current lower population of Covid-19 patients in the hospitals in the area combined with advancements in the early treatment of the virus to mitigate hospitalizations are two important factors which the Commission considered in reaching this decision. The Commission also considered that Covid-19 vaccinations have been and will continue to be offered to our community and many of our most vulnerable citizens have had an opportunity to get vaccinated.

While we are in favor of letting the ordinance expire, the Commission continues to urge the public to follow the recommendations of the CDC and the Andrew County Health Department in regard to the importance of wearing masks, personal hygiene and social distancing. We thank you all for your service and cooperation regarding our combined responsibilities addressing the pandemic.

Please feel free to share with the Commission your opinions on this matter.

Sincerely,
Andrew County Commission
Bob Caldwell
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