Everyone knows not all heroes wear capes, but these days, heroes are wearing masks to slow the spread of the much-feared COVID-19.

Your Rio Grande County government has its own share of heroes throughout this ordeal who are working incredibly hard to continue business as usual despite the closure of our buildings and to navigate the maze of new orders from the state. We are so proud of our employees, medical force and citizens.

Sure, the way we do business has definitely changed. During this time of uncertainty, we have closed our buildings to the public in order to protect our employees and the public. We will not be accepting applications or renewals in person but are doing more online, through email and by phone than ever before. When we absolutely have to have paperwork in hand, we have a drop box in the alleyway between the annex and main courthouse to help facilitate that. We also are utilizing the U.S. Postal Service when possible. If you have a need and are not sure how to accomplish it, please call the department you need and the great people of Rio Grande County can direct you as always.

This pandemic has created an incredible economic distress for our great county. We urge you to support our local restaurants, businesses and community. For the most current information, please refer to this website. There will also be regular updates on the Rio Grande County Public Health Facebook page as well as the Rio Grande County Public Health Facebook page.