

CUSTER COUNTY

MELISSA GRAHAM County Clerk

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK



COORDINATED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

The following are the guidelines for Public Access to each office at the Custer County Courthouse in Arapaho, Oklahoma effective May 18, 2020.

COUNTY CLERK/COMMISSIONERS:

Open – Please use Social Distancing.

COUNTY CLERK LAND RECORDS:

Vault is by Appointment Only – Please call 580-323-1221.

Only one person at a time at the counter. Please wait in the hall while using Social Distancing.

COUNTY TREASURER:

Only one person at a time at the counter. Please wait in the hall while using Social Distancing.

COUNTY ASSESSOR:

Only one person at a time at the counter. Please wait in the hall while using Social Distancing.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Open – Please use Social Distancing.

OSU EXTENSION OFFICE:

Open – Please use Social Distancing.

A MASK IS REQUIRED FOR ALL UPSTAIRS OFFICES:

COURT CLERK:

Ring the bell at the walk up window for instructions. Mask required.

DISTRICT JUDGE and ASSOCIATE DISTRICT JUDGE and COURTROOMS:

Masks are required. A copy of the Judge's requirements may be found at the front door of the Courthouse.


DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

Masks are required. Only one person at a time at the counter. Please use Social Distancing. Strongly encouraged to make an appointment – call 580-323-3232. Will be following Judge's requirements.

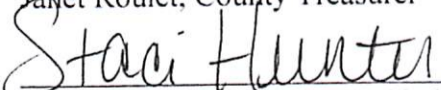
APPROVED and SIGNED THIS 18TH DAY OF MAY, 2020 AT ARAPAHO, OKLAHOMA.

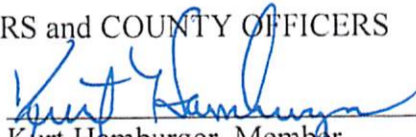
BOARD OF CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY OFFICERS


Wade Anders, Chairman


Lyle K. Miller, Member


Janet Roulet, County Treasurer


Staci Hunter, County Court Clerk


Kurt Hamburger, Member


Melissa Graham, County Clerk


Brad Rennels, County Assessor


Kenneth Tidwell, County Sheriff

IN THE DISTRICT COURTS OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

RE: COVID-19 / TRANSITION ORDER AO-2020-4

FILED
DISTRICT COURT
Custer County, Okla.

MAY - 4 2020

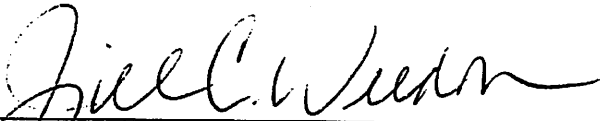
STACI HUNTER
COURT CLERK

The following actions are being taken to ensure public safety and the long-term continuity of court services in the Second Judicial District which includes Beckham, Ellis, Custer, Roger Mills, and Washita Counties, as we transition out of the State of Emergency caused by COVID-19.

1. Beginning May 18, 2020, the Second Judicial District will enter a transitional period in which court proceedings will resume to the extent possible while prioritizing public health and safety.
2. There is a presumption that matters which do not require witness testimony shall be conducted by video-conference or by telephone. Judges shall determine which cases will be conducted remotely, which platform will be used, and how cases will be scheduled.
3. Court Clerks shall continue to accept email filings. Copy costs per the fee schedule may be assessed.
4. Depending on the county, persons entering courthouses may be required wear masks. Individual judges will address the use of masks in the courtrooms. If appearing before the District Judge, plan to wear a mask.
5. Courtroom capacity shall be limited to the number set by the Governor, but shall not exceed the number which can safely occupy the space while maintaining social distancing. Courtroom capacity should be posted on the courtroom door.
6. Dockets shall assign specific times for cases to the extent possible.
7. Attorneys and pro se parties shall not enter the courtroom until their case is called. Parties shall not enter the courthouse until their case is next on the docket. All persons waiting for dockets shall maintain social distancing as they wait.
8. Advise the Judge if any court participant requires special accommodation due to health issues. To the extent possible, measures shall be taken to accommodate individuals who are high risk due to age or pre-existing health conditions. The Judge should make a record if there is any objection to the accommodation.

9. Anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, anyone diagnosed with COVID-19, or anyone who has had direct contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last two weeks, is restricted from entering the Courthouse.
10. Judges should take measures to maintain public and media access to open court proceedings, but these interests are secondary to health and safety concerns of court participants.
11. In order to maintain infection-free jails, most proceedings involving incarcerated defendants shall be conducted remotely, while preserving attorney-client communication and the right to confrontation. Judges shall take measures to limit exposure of inmates to possible infection if they appear in person.
12. All efforts shall be made to conduct criminal matters involving persons incarcerated in the Department of Corrections remotely. All writs must be approved by the District Judge for the next 90 days.
13. In-person appearances at the courthouses are discouraged. Judges and Court Clerks may restrict access to their offices, courtrooms, and jury rooms.
14. Each judge's contact information is available on <http://www.oscn.net/courts>. Check ODCR.com or OSCN.net/dockets/search for court dates.
15. Contact Judge Weedon's office at (580) 323-2230 to reserve a court reporter.
16. Criminal matters involving in-custody defendants shall be given scheduling priority over non-emergency matters. Fine and Cost appearance dockets will remain low priority during times of high unemployment and high infection rates.
17. This order is subject to modification as conditions change, and shall expire July 31, 2020, unless extended by further order.

Signed this 4th day of May, 2020.



Jill C. Weedon
District Judge
Second Judicial District