

In accordance with the First Emergency Joint Order Regarding the Covid-19 State of Disaster issued by the Supreme Court of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals, which is attached, Canadian County District Judges Paul Hesse and Jack McCurdy announce that effective March 17, 2020:

- The Canadian County Courthouse is open and the Judges are available to hear emergency matters.
 - Only the lawyers, parties, and witnesses who will testify are allowed in the Courthouse.
 - All other in-person proceedings will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the assigned Judge.
- All jury trials have been postponed until May 4, 2020.
- Civil and criminal non-jury trial settings, hearings, and pretrial settings before May 1st should be rescheduled.
 - Telephone conferencing and video conferencing are strongly encouraged.
 - Pro se litigants and defendants will be given a new court date.
- Regarding criminal matters:
 - Criminal arraignments and bond hearings will be conducted by video in the courtroom.
 - Defendants in the Canadian County Jail will only be brought to the courthouse for pleas where they are sentenced to time served and will get out of jail the day they are sentenced, or when Defendants will be transported to the Department of Corrections.
 - The Jail has a designated room where attorneys may meet with their clients.
 - Bondspersons can post a bond in Canadian County for those defendants who are arrested in another county for a Canadian County warrant.
- Regarding the Traffic Docket set March 18th, all telephone calls requesting continuances will be granted. All other cases will be continued when the defendant appears.
- Pleadings can be filed by mail, fax, or email to marie.hirst@oscn.net and filing fees can be paid by credit card. Mail is encouraged.
- Appearances by anyone over 60 and those with underlying health issues are strongly discouraged.
- Anyone feeling ill or having flu-like symptoms should not enter the Courthouse.
- Everyone in the Courthouse should practice “social distancing”.

As the information and guidance regarding the coronavirus pandemic is rapidly evolving and changing, these orders will be updated and modified as necessary. The Judges appreciate everyone’s patience and understanding and welcome all suggestions that ensure the just and speedy determination of proceedings but also protects the parties, courthouse employees, witnesses and lawyers who appear in court.

If you have any questions, please contact the assigned Judge’s Bailiff.

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**JACK D. MCCURDY II
DISTRICT JUDGE**



District Court of Canadian County
Twenty-Sixth Judicial District, State of Oklahoma



CANADIAN COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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BY *Kerigh Seadley*
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All Canadian County Jury Trials scheduled for the week of April 6, 2020 are cancelled.

Due to states of emergency declared by National, State, and City governments, I am, as Canadian County Chief Judge, announcing the cancellation of the Canadian County jury term which is currently set for April 6, 2020. Any jury trials set on that docket are hereby moved to the May 4, 2020 jury docket.

The Canadian County Court Clerk is hereby instructed to notify the necessary jurors and inform them of this decision.

We will continue to monitor the situation and make other changes as are necessary to insure the safety of the public and our employees.

[Handwritten signature of Jack D. McCurdy II]

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