

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MISCELLANEOUS ORDER 25- 46

ENTERED
APR 17 2025
FRANKLIN CIRCUIT COURT
KEM MARSHALL, CLERK

**REOPENING OF THE FRANKLIN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS AND
THE OFFICE OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT
COURT CLERK BY CHIEF CIRCUIT JUDGE THOMAS D. WINGATE**

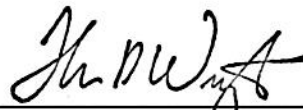
Beginning April 2, 2025, a severe weather system generated intense damaging winds, severe hail and tornados, and excessive rainfall that directly impacted Franklin County, Kentucky, and resulted in dangerous conditions including flooding, flash flooding, mudslides and landslides, damage to property, and loss of life. On April 6, 2025, the Franklin County Judicial Center flooded and remains without electricity. Due to the catastrophic damage caused by these storms, it was determined that use of the Franklin County Judicial Center is impractical and impossible. Accordingly, as the Chief Circuit Judge, this Court, after consultation with the Chief District Judge and the Circuit Court clerk, ordered the Franklin County Courthouse be actually and legally closed beginning Monday, April 7, 2025, through Friday, April 18, 2025. This Court has since been notified that use of the Franklin County Judicial Center is expected to remain impractical and impossible for an unknown period of time.

Accordingly, effective April 21, 2025, the office of the Franklin County Circuit Court Clerk will be open in its temporary office located at 669 Chamberlin Ave., Suite B, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, for the filing of pleadings, motions, and any other case-related materials that are not required to be electronically filed. All other in-person services may be provided at the temporary office in the discretion of the Franklin County Circuit Court Clerk.

Based on the forgoing, and this Court's prior orders, the office of the Franklin County Circuit Court Clerk is hereby deemed to have been actually and legally closed from Monday, April 7, 2025, through Friday, April 18, 2025, for purposes of computation of time as set forth in KRS 446.030. Further, Monday, April 7, 2025, through Friday, April 18, 2025, shall not be included for purposes of computation of time as set forth in CR 6.01 and RCr 1.10.

Further, effective immediately, and until further Order of this Court, the Franklin County Circuit Court and District Court will conduct court proceedings at those locations as authorized by the Supreme Court of Kentucky in Administrative Order 2025-13 and in accordance with the Temporary Local Protocol adopted by this Court on this same day, which shall operate in lieu of any conflicting local court rules.

SO ORDERED, this 17th day of April, 2025.



THOMAS D. WINGATE
Chief Circuit Judge, Franklin Circuit
Court