

Supreme Court of Kentucky

2024-32

EMERGENCY ORDER

**In Re: Emergency Order, Letcher County Circuit and District Courts
– Computation of Time and Authorization for Extension of
Deadlines**

On September 19, 2024, a tragic incident occurred within the Letcher County Courthouse located at 156 Main Street in Whitesburg. Due to this incident, the Letcher County Courthouse is non-operational for holding court, operating court offices, and other essential court functions and has been ordered closed by the Letcher County Chief Circuit Judge beginning Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Efforts are underway to assess damage and restore the courthouse for operations.

Accordingly, under Sections 110(5) and 116 of the Kentucky Constitution, and in consideration of the conditions now existing in Letcher County, Kentucky, it is HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

The office of the Letcher County Circuit Court Clerk is hereby deemed to be actually and legally closed beginning on Thursday, September 19, 2024, until further Order of this Court, for purposes of computation of time as set forth in KRS 446.030. Further, any and all days on which the office of the Letcher County Circuit Court Clerk has been deemed actually and legally closed pursuant to this Order shall not be included in the computation of time for purposes of CR 6.01 and RCr 1.10.

When by procedural statute or rule, or by notice given under a

procedural statute or rule, or by order of court, and notwithstanding CR 6.02, an act is required or allowed to be done at or within a specified time, the deadline for which occurs between Thursday, September 19, 2024, and any day thereafter on which the office of the Letcher County Circuit Court Clerk has been deemed actually and legally closed pursuant to this Order, the presiding judge, sua sponte, or upon motion of a party, may extend the deadline by an amount of time which is reasonable, appropriate, and necessary under the circumstances, unless the deadline is imposed by substantive law or required by the Constitution of the United States or the Kentucky Constitution. These extensions shall apply to any cases venued in Letcher County.

This Emergency Order does not abridge, enlarge, or modify the substantive rights of any litigant.

Entered this 19th day of September 2024.


CHIEF JUSTICE

All sitting; all concur.