IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN RE TEMPORARY REDUCED OFFICE HOURS FOR THE LUCAS COUNTY CLERK OF COURT'S OFFICES	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2011 - 45

WHEREAS, the Court finds that the Lucas County Clerk of Court will be out of the office temporarily on authorized leave beginning Tuesday, October 25, 2011, and that the leave is estimated to be for two to three months. The Iowa Judicial Branch operates with inadequate staffing due to previous workforce reductions combined with a 12 percent reduction in force resulting from Fiscal Year 2011 budget cuts that continue this year. Such stark budget shortages are causing serious workload strain across the 5th Judicial District, including in the Offices of the Clerks of the District Court. However, it is necessary to provide temporary assistance from staff of other Clerk's Offices to assist with keeping the Lucas County Clerk of Court's Office relatively current in its workload while maintaining a minimum level of public business hours. Such assistance from other Offices will further strain and impair the ability of those Clerk's Offices to remain current on their own workload. Even with temporary assistance, it is not feasible to maintain the current public business hours of the Lucas County Clerk of Court's Office during the Clerk's absence.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED pursuant to Iowa Supreme Court Supervisory Order, *In the Matter of Actions Taken to Reduce Judicial Branch Operating Expenses,* dated November 12, 2009, and the Court hereby provides public notice, that the new, temporary hours of the Lucas County Clerk of Court's Office shall be as follows: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, open 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 3:30 p.m. The Office shall remain closed all day Thursdays. This Order is effective beginning on Tuesday, October 25, 2011. The Court will review this matter upon the return of the Lucas County Clerk of Court from her extended leave.

Public Notice of this order shall be provided by posting laminated copies of this Order at the doors of the Lucas County Courthouse. Copies shall also be posted on or around the doors to the Clerk's Office so as to be visible to the public at all times. A copy of this order shall also be posted on the Judicial Branch Website under the Fifth Judicial District's section and shall be forwarded to the Election District 5B Bar Association.

DATED this 21st day of October, 2011.

ARTHUR E. GAMBLE, CHIEF JUDGE
FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF IOWA

cc: All District Court Judges – 5th District
All District Associate Court Judges – 5th District
All Senior Judges – 5th District
Magistrate James Mefford, Lucas County
Elizabeth Baldwin, 5th District DCA
All Clerks of Court – 5th District
All Clerk of Court Staff Members – Lucas, Clarke, Decatur and Wayne
Lucas County Board of Supervisors
Lucas County Auditor
Lucas County Attorney
Lucas County Sheriff
Lucas County Recorder
Lucas County Assessor
Lucas County Treasurer
Marilyn Lantz, Chief Juvenile Court Officer
Kenton Richardson, Juvenile Court Services
DHS – Service Area Administrator for Lucas County
Sally Kreamer – Director, 5th District Correctional Services
Chief Justice Mark Cady
Justice David Wiggins, Liaison Justice
David Boyd, State Court Administrator
Peggy Sullivan, Finance and Personnel Director, SCA
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