

IOWA DISTRICT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**IN RE: PROCESSING OF
EMERGENCY MATTERS IN
HARRISON COUNTY.**


ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 3-26-2020

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the notice that the Harrison County Board of Supervisors has closed the Harrison County Courthouse, the Fourth Judicial District is implementing a plan to handle emergency matters that arise in Harrison County during normal business hours while the courthouse is closed.

Emergency matters for purposes of this order include, but are not limited to, emergency substance abuse treatment proceedings pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 125, Hospitalization Proceedings pursuant to Chapter 229, Removal Proceedings pursuant to Chapter 232, Elder Abuse proceedings pursuant to Chapter 235B Dependent Abuse proceedings pursuant to Chapter 235F and Protective orders pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 236 or 236A.

Signs are currently posted on the Harrison County Courthouse directing the public to call the Pottawattamie County Clerk of Court for all emergency matters. Upon being provided notice that an emergency matter has arisen, as described above, the Pottawattamie County Clerk of Court will notify District Court Administration. The District Court Administrator's Office will schedule the matter for an immediate telephonic hearing. The hearing will be scheduled with the district court judge currently assigned to the out county administrative schedule. The judge will file all orders electronically after obtaining a case number from the clerk of court.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2020.


JEFFREY C. LARSON, CHIEF JUDGE
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.