

**SUPERIOR COURT OF WHITE COUNTY  
ENOTAH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MAGISTRATE COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT  
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF PROBATE COURT**

**IN RE:       Extension of  
              Judicial Emergency**

**DATE:        January 26, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the Court has determined that a circuit-wide judicial emergency exists as a result of the declaration of a State of Emergency by the Honorable Brian P. Kemp, Governor of the State of Georgia, through January 29, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, prolonged below-freezing temperatures and the potential for widespread power outages throughout White County may substantially impede the safe and orderly operation of the courts and the ability to provide timely and effective notice of court closures;

**WHEREAS**, the emergency substantially endangers or infringes upon the normal functioning of the judicial system and the ability of litigants, attorneys, and the public to access the courts or comply with court-ordered deadlines;

**IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, the Courts of **White County shall remain closed from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2026**; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62, all court deadlines, time schedules or filing requirements are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended for the duration of the judicial emergency as noted above; and

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Sheriff, or designee, shall post a copy of this Order on the courthouse doors; that the County Manager or Administrator, or designee, shall post a copy of this Order and any subsequent modification or extension on the county website or other appropriate public address system in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 38-3-63; and that the Clerk of Court shall provide notice of the closure in the same manner as the cancellation of a scheduled jury trial or other court proceeding.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that anyone requiring the Court's involvement in an emergency situation may contact the office of the Chief Judge of Superior Court by calling and leaving a voicemail at 706.482.2512 or by email to Court Administrator Magdalene McDonald at [mmcdonald@georgiacourts.gov](mailto:mmcdonald@georgiacourts.gov)

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Chief Judge's Office will immediately notify the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Clerks of the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court by sending them a copy of this notice.

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**SO ORDERED** this \_\_\_day of January, 2026.



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Joy R. Parks, Chief Judge  
Superior Courts  
Enotah Judicial Circuit

OR: Clerk, White County Superior Court  
Clerk, White County Juvenile Court  
Clerk, White County Magistrate Court  
Clerk, White County Probate Court

CC: The Honorable Nels S. D. Peterson, Chief Justice, Georgia Supreme Court  
Clerk, Georgia Supreme Court  
Clerk, Georgia Court of Appeals  
The Honorable Raymond E. George  
The Honorable T. Buckley Levins  
The Honorable Jeremy Clough  
The Honorable Corey Hyde  
The Honorable Don Ferguson  
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Clerk, Towns County Magistrate Court  
Clerk, Towns County Probate Court  
Clerk, Union County Superior Court  
Clerk, Union County Juvenile Court  
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The Honorable Michael Chastain  
The Honorable David Rogers  
The Honorable Cary Cox  
The Honorable Kristin Stanley  
The Honorable Corey Hyde  
The Honorable Don Ferguson

Stacy Jarrard, Sheriff, Lumpkin County  
Anthony Coleman, Sheriff, Towns County  
Shawn Dyer, Sheriff, Union County  
Rick Kelley, Sheriff, White County  
Alan Ours, County Manager, Lumpkin County  
Cliff Bradshaw, Commissioner, Towns County  
Harold Collins, Commissioner, Union County  
Derick Canup, County Manager, White County  
Magdalene McDonald, Court Administrator, Enotah Judicial Circuit  
Grace McGowan, Ninth District Court Administrator