

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
POPE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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First Judicial Circuit
Pope County, Illinois

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Clerk of the Circuit Court

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2024-4-1

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2024, Pope County will lie directly in the path of the total solar eclipse;

WHEREAS, Pope County was in the direct path of the 2017 total eclipse, and during that time, the town of Golconda, courthouse lawn, and entire riverfront area was encompassed with extreme crowds, including the blockage of roads surrounding the Pope County Courthouse;

WHEREAS, the Pope County Board of Commissioners have closed all non-court offices beginning at 12:00 p.m. on April 8, 2024;


WHEREAS, there is no court scheduled to be in session on April 8, 2024, and any emergency hearing or detention hearing can be conducted in the morning and prior to 12:00 p.m.;

WHEREAS, the local law enforcement and emergency services will be needed to provide heightened security, traffic control, and other public safety services, not only in Golconda, but throughout the county and Shawnee National Forest areas that are expecting high volume for viewing;

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the First Judicial Circuit has entered an Administrative Order (2024-4-2) permitting each presiding judge to exercise his or her discretion over closing their courthouse and respective court services division within their courthouse on April 8, 2024.

THEREFORE, IT IS SO ORDERED: Based on the foregoing, all court services divisions within the Pope County Courthouse, will be closed on April 8th, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to the close of business.

Dated: 4/4, 2024

Entered: 
Melissa Presser
Presiding Judge of Pope County