



IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
CIRCUIT COURTS OF
UMATILLA AND MORROW COUNTIES

No. 25-016

In the Matter of Circuit Court
Closures and Service Limits to
Address Budget Limitations
aggravated by Critical Staffing
Shortage

PRESIDING JUDGE ORDER RE:

MORROW COUNTY CIRCUIT
COURT REDUCED HOURS OF
OPERATION

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Order No. 02-064 provides for and establishes a process for closure or limits on services in Oregon state courts to address budget limitations.

WHEREAS, to accommodate government budget limitations in this state, it may be appropriate from time to time for one or more Oregon state courts to decide to close or limit services to the public.

WHEREAS, each judicial district now locally determines the appropriateness of and need for budget-necessitated court closure or service limitations based on that judicial districts resources.

WHEREAS, the budgetary status for the State remains uncertain, and the direction to local Circuit Courts is to monitor budgetary expenditures for an undetermined length of time and the critical staffing shortage for the district, particularly Morrow County Circuit Court creates a negative budgetary impact by way of staff overtime and extensive travel to cover court operations.

WHEREAS, the State Court Administrator has approved the 6th Judicial District staffing plan;

1 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Morrow County Circuit Court will be open to the
2 public during the following hours effective November 24, 2025. Notice shall be
3 provided by memorandum to the local bar, state bar, law enforcement, state
4 and local agencies, and will be updated on the 6th Judicial District website for
5 the public.

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7 Morrow County Circuit Court: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (formerly 8:00 a.m. –
8 4:30 p.m.)

9 The court will modify hours of operation on an as-needed basis to
10 accommodate trials.

11 Parties needing additional time for hearings outside of the modified hours of
12 operation shall file their written request no later than two weeks prior to the
13 scheduled hearing so the court may review and determine staffing resource
14 availability.

15 Dated

16 November 13, 2025


Daniel J. Hill, Circuit Court Judge

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