

Building Department

The Ogemaw County Building Department will be closed to the public from 3/17/2020 to 4/06/2020 if you need to pull any permits you can by mail. If you have any question can call the office at 989.345.3370 so we can make arrangements to drop off plans and permit applications.

Clerk's Office

The Ogemaw County Clerk's office will be closed to the public until Monday, April 6, 2020. Anyone that needs a Personal Protection Order (PPO) or that has other 34th Circuit Court business must call 989.345.0215 to arrange for an appointment. Birth Certificates and other vital record requests should call our office. Concealed pistol license renewals should wait until April 6, 2020; or, complete an online CPL renewal application. Marriage license applicants should call 989.345.0215 to schedule an appointment.

Corrections/Jail

Closed to the general public. No on-site visitations.

**If you need to deposit money for an inmate you can do so online at www.jailatm.com or you can mail in a money order with the inmates name and the jail mailing address. If you are going to the correctional facility to pay someone's bond please press the call button.*

**In facility visitations are cancelled until further notice, you can visit from home via www.jailatm.com on Saturday and Sunday for a fee.*

Courts**Circuit Court**

Closed to the general public. Felony cases are still being handled. Call 989.345.3560 for more information

District Court

Closed to the general public. Felony cases are still being handled. Call 989.345.5040 for more information

Friend of the Court

See memo below

Probate

See memo below

Equalization

Closed to the general public. Call 989.345.0328 for more information or to make arrangements for transactions.

Housing

Closed to the general public. Call 989.345.5390 for more information or to make arrangements for transactions.

Probation and Parole

Operating as normal. Call 989.345.5680 with any questions.

Prosecutors Office

The Ogemaw County Prosecutor's Office (OCPO) is committed to our constitutionally mandated functions. As a result, the OCPO will have personnel to staff the courts in keeping with the directives of the 34th Circuit Court, the 82nd District Court, and the Ogemaw County Probate Court. All criminal trials and scheduled court dates will be limited to felony and incarcerated defendants. The OCPO will have staff available 24/7 to perform or warrant duties.

However, in furtherance of the declaration of emergency issued by the Governor, the OCPO will take every possible step to slow the spread of the Coronavirus while maintaining essential services. This includes the closing of the inner office to Ogemaw County Personnel only until April 6th, 2020. For any filings, the OCPO has made available a locked secured drop off box located outside of its office. This box will be checked regularly throughout the day. We will also receive filings via fax. The fax number to the OCPO is 989.345.5913. Meetings with the prosecutor will be by appointment only. As always, phone contact with prosecutor(s) and staff is available during business hours. Our office number is: 989.345.5700.

Register of Deeds

Closed to the general public. Call 989.345.0728 for more information or to make arrangements for transactions.

Sheriff's Department

The lobby is closed to the general public until April 6, 2020. The drop box in front entry still open to drop off paperwork etc. Deputies are still patrolling and responding to calls as normal. Call 989.345.3111 for more information.

Treasurer's Office

Closed to the general public. Call 989.345.0084 for more information or to make arrangements for transactions.

Veterans Affairs

Closed to the general public. Call 989.345.5170 for more information or to make arrangements for transactions.

Zoning Department

Closed to the general public. Call 989.345.3375 for more information or to make arrangements for transactions.



HONORABLE SHANA A. LAMBOURN

Probate Judge/Presiding Family Court Judge

OGEMAW COUNTY PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
806 West Houghton Avenue, Room 203
West Branch, Michigan 48661
Phone: (989) 345-0145
Fax: (989) 345-5901

Re: EMERGENCY POLICY REGARDING COVID-19
March 17, 2020

Ogemaw County Probate Court, 34th Circuit Court – Family Division, and Ogemaw County Friend of the Court, acting pursuant to Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order No. 2020-1 and responding to the State of Emergencies declared by the President and Governor, the Probate/Family Court and Friend of the Court shall remain open and operate under the following procedures through April 5, 2020:

Juvenile Proceedings

- The Court shall hear all emergency proceedings for abuse/neglect and delinquency cases.
- The Court shall hear all abuse/neglect and delinquency matters where the youth is in placement.
- The Court shall hear all probation violation hearings requesting placement or other restrictions.
- The Court shall adjourn all other abuse/neglect and delinquency matters to a future date.
- Probationers shall report to probation officers by phone.

*All juvenile delinquency families shall maintain contact with the probation department as directed.

Domestic Relations Proceedings

- The Court shall continue to hear the following domestic relations matters:
 - Personal Protection Orders (PPOs)
 - Custody matters
 - Violation of personal protection orders
 - Arraignments for incarcerated individuals
 - Parental waivers
 - Hearings as are deemed necessary by the assigned judge.

*Any party may contact the court to request an adjournment of a proceeding. The request for adjournment will be reviewed by the presiding judge.

Probate Proceedings

- The Court shall review all new petitions for conservatorships, protective orders, and/or guardianships to determine scheduling.
- All emergency probate petitions shall be heard.
- All mental health proceedings and requests for pick-up orders will be heard.
- Any hearings as deemed necessary by the presiding judge shall be heard.
- The Court shall hear all infectious disease cases brought by the County Health Departments.

*Any hearings with vulnerable persons still scheduled to proceed may be adjourned (postponed) upon request. The request must be initiated by or on behalf of the vulnerable person by calling the appropriate phone number provided below.

Friend of the Court Proceedings

- All show cause hearings that were scheduled on March 16, 2020, in front of the presiding judge are adjourned to Tuesday, April 7, 2020.
- Any Thursday show cause hearings currently set between March 17, 2020, and April 5, 2020, will be adjourned to Thursday, April 9, 2020.
- The S.M.I.L.E. class scheduled March 26, 2020 is canceled. Friend of the Court will contact participants to reschedule.
- The Friend of the Court referee will review all scheduled matters and determine whether the case will proceed as scheduled or be adjourned.

*Any party may contact the Friend of the Court to request an adjournment of a proceeding.

**Please do not bring children to the Friend of the Court office or to a scheduled hearing unless specifically instructed to do so. If you are unsure, contact Friend of the Court.

This policy is subject to change. Please stay in contact with your probation officers, enforcement officers, or the court through phone or other electronic communication.

Clients are strongly encouraged to conduct business via telephone, regular mail, or e-mail. Payments may be made by telephone or online. For further instruction or for questions, please contact us:

Ogemaw County Probate Court
34th Circuit Court – Family Division
806 W. Houghton Ave., Rm. 203
West Branch, MI 48661

Phone: (989) 345-0145
Fax: (989) 345-5901
Email: oc.probate.ct@ocmi.us

Ogemaw County Friend of the Court
806 W. Houghton Ave., Ste. 106
West Branch, MI 48661

Phone: (989) 345-5520
Fax: (989) 345-0603
Email: oc.foc@ocmi.us

For the following Domestic Relations court filings, which are filed at the Ogemaw County Clerk's Office, you should contact the Clerk's Office directly at (989) 345-0215 to make arrangements for filing:

Personal Protection (PPOs)
Divorce with or without children
Custody Actions
Paternity Actions
Motions regarding Custody, Parenting Time, and/or Support
Motions regarding Change of Domicile
Any other domestic relations matters