

CIRCUIT COURT OF SOUTH DAKOTA

FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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FOURTH CIRCUIT POLICY #06-03

Inclement Weather

It is the policy of the Fourth Judicial Circuit that for inclement weather the following is implemented:

In Lawrence County, the appropriateness of closing the courthouse due to inclement weather is generally left to the discretion of the county commissioners. All State employees are instructed to call 722-4177 after 7 a.m. for a recorded message advising as to a possible closing of the courthouse.

In Butte and Meade Counties, the sitting judge will be responsible for making the decision as to the appropriateness of closing the courthouse due to inclement weather, and will also be responsible for reporting the same to the Administrator, who will notify the respective employees.

In Corson, Dewey, Harding, Perkins and Ziebach Counties, the general rule will be that closing should not be authorized unless the county closes the courthouse. However, in certain situations it may be appropriate that the determination be made by the employee and should be one of common sense and only if there is an

endangerment issue to the safety of the employee. The clerk will then be responsible for immediately notifying the Administrator of their absence due to inclement weather.

Dated this 9th day of January, 2006.

Warren G. Johnson
Presiding Judge
Fourth Judicial Circuit

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