

IN THE COURTS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY

BLUE RIDGE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDER ENDING JUDICIAL EMEMEGENCY

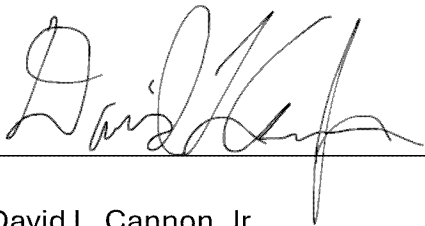
On August 24, 2026, a Judicial Emergency was declared effective August 21, 2026 at 1:20 PM. A coolant leak in the Cherokee County Justice Center resulting in a fire alarm and evacuation of the building. Operations continued throughout the week of August 24, 2026 per the Emergency Order.

On Tuesday, August 25, 2026, the Chief Judge was briefed on the situation by the county manager, the director of property management, court security and the contractors that were responsible for the remediation of the coolant leak that caused the emergency. Information was provided about the nature of the leak and the resulting condition of the building and subsequent remediation. Additionally, a physical inspection of the Justice Center was conducted by these parties and other stakeholders. The Court found that the conditions in the Justice Center were no longer were a hazard to employees or the public. A temporary air conditioner chiller had been obtained and was working satisfactorily.

A reopening plan was implemented based on that meeting and inspection. (In an abundance of caution to ensure no additional problems arose, to allow the building to return to a comfortable temperature and to ensure the Justice Center was able to meet the needs of staff, employees and public) The court implemented a plan, to remain closed on Wednesday August 26, 2026 and to reopen to staff and employees today, August 27. It appearing that no complications have occurred, and there is no reason to continue the Judicial Emergency.

THEREFORE the Chief Judge determines that the conditions that caused the emergency have ceased and been remedied, that there is no hazard to the employees or the public, and no further reason exists for the Cherokee County Justice Center to remain closed. The judicial emergency will cease on August 28, at 8:00 AM and shall open to the public for normal operations, including Judge Jordans scheduled state court matters. The Cherokee County Justice Center will follow its normal schedule of operations on Monday August 31, 2026, including jury trials scheduled for the week. All suspensions, tolling or extensions of time by the emergency order from August 21 shall cease effective 8:00 AM, August 28, 2026.

SO ORDERED this 27 day of August 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Cannon, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

David L. Cannon, Jr.

Chief Judge, Superior Court

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