

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-04

For the 9th Judicial District of Colorado

GARFIELD COUNTY – PITKIN COUNTY – RIO BLANCO COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RESCINDING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CLOSURES OF THE RIO BLANCO COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Effective: August 13, 2025

PURPOSE: This Administrative Order is issued to rescind the temporary emergency closures of the Rio Blanco Courthouse in Meeker issued in Administrative Order 2025-03.

LEGAL AUTHORITIES: Pursuant to Chief Justice Directive 95-01, The chief judge of every judicial district: "is responsible for the assignment and management of all district facilities, including, but not limited to, courtrooms, chambers, clerks' offices, probation offices, jury rooms, office space, and public spaces of courthouses and probation offices." "If a chief judge determines that a courthouse cannot operate regularly during the hours required by Chief Justice Directive 08-04, the chief judge may request a temporary reduction of courthouse hours. The request shall include the reason the reduction is necessary, a plan for addressing the reason for the reduction in hours, and an end date for the reduction. The chief justice must approve any temporary reduction of courthouse hours. Any reduction in hours must be posted prominently at the courthouse and on the judicial district's webpage."

As of August 13, 2025, the Rio Blanco County Courthouse in Meeker is open for business for both in-person court appearances and phone calls. There are road closures of highways leading to and from Meeker which may impact transportation to and from Meeker for those appearing for court.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED: Administrative Order 2025-03 is hereby rescinded. The judges of assignment have discretion to authorize remote appearances for parties and counsel as appropriate for their respective dockets and cases.

Dated: August 13, 2025.

BY THE COURT:

John F. Neiley

Chief Judge

Ninth Judicial District