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CALHOUN COUNTY ANNOUNCES RE-OPENING

All County facilities will be open and available on June 1st with restrictions under normal business hours M-F 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Appointments are encouraged. Citizens and businesses are encouraged to continue using online resources.

Based on the current situation and recommendations from public health officials, including the CDC, Calhoun County will be enhancing preventative measures to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Addressing: Available by email <u>egolden@calhouncounty.sc.gov</u> or telephone 803-874-2679. One individual will be allowed in the office.

Animal Control: This facility will be open to the public but will only allow for one individual inside the office. 803-874-2914.

Assessor's Office: Available by email shamilton@calhouncounty.sc.gov or telephone 803-874-3613. One individual will be allowed in the office.

Auditor's Office: Available by email awise@calhouncounty.sc.gov or telephone 803-874-3623. One individual will be allowed in the office.

Building and Planning: Available by email <u>icrawley@calhouncounty.sc.gov</u> or telephone 803-874-4201. Forms and permits may be found on the county website <u>www.calhouncounty.sc.gov</u>. One individual will be allowed in the office.

Convenience Sites and Landfill: Normal operations

Calhoun County Courthouse:

Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds: Members of the public will be required to wear a mask when entering the facility. Individuals will follow social distancing guidelines. One person per office. Abstracters will be required to make appointments for research 803-874-3524.

Probate Judge: Due to the coronavirus the probate court has been closed to the public since mid-march. However, during that time, we have operated at full capacity opening estates, issuing marriage licenses, and holding hearings from home by utilizing online tools, zoom conferencing, phone calls, email, and US MAIL. Although this may not be the most ideal way of conducting business, it has allowed our office to seamlessly continue fully functioning during this

pandemic. Although we will be working in the courthouse full time on June 1st, we are encouraging the public to continue utilizing our online capabilities by visiting www.calhouncountyprobate.net. This does not mean that we are unwilling to meet with the public, but meetings will be conducted by appointment only, and limited to not more than two persons per appointment. As always, the probate court will strive to continue to meet the public needs, but please be patient with us as we navigate this new way of working for your safety and ours.

Magistrate's Court: The St. Matthews Magistrate Court is open Mon.-Fri. 9am-4pm, and is available to receive civil cases and schedule hearings in all cases. We are limiting the number of people in the court/office at one time to maintain social distancing. Bring and wear your own mask, please. You can call with questions 803-874-1112 or email Clerk of Court Lauren Davis at: LDavis@calhouncounty.sc.gov

Council on Aging: All activities have been cancelled. Pickup meals, home delivered meals, wellness checks, and medical transportation will continue.

EMS/EMD: Normal operations

GIS/Mapping: Available by email <u>shamilton@calhouncounty.sc.gov</u> or telephone 803-874-3613. One individual will be allowed in the office.

Library: This facility will allow limited access more information may be found at www.calhouncountylibrary.org.

Museum: Available by email <u>calhouncountymuseum@gmail.com</u>, telephone 803-874-3964, or website <u>www.calhouncountymuseum.com</u>. We are giving private tours with Face time, (Call please) research by zoom (call).

June Summer Camp has been cancelled.

Parks and Recreation facilities: Available by email <u>tdantzler@calhouncounty.sc.gov</u> or telephone 803-655-7514.

Public Works: Normal operations

Sheriff's Office: No operational changes, limited lobby access.

Tax Collector: Available by email <u>tgreen@calhouncounty.sc.gov</u> or telephone 803-874-4021. Three individuals allowed in the lobby.

Treasurer: Available by email <u>bfurtick@calhouncounty.sc.gov</u> or telephone 803-874-3519. Three individuals allowed in the lobby.

Veteran's Affairs: One individual will be allowed in the office.

Voter Registration: Open for absentee voting, four individuals will be allowed in the office. All other services may be conducted via telephone 803-874-2929 or email sjenkins@calhouncounty.sc.gov.

Water Department: Available by email sweeks@calhouncounty.sc.gov or telephone 803-739-1711. One individual will be allowed in the office.

Citizens and businesses are encouraged to continue using online resources or the drop box located at the Treasurer's entrance of the Annex Building.

Updates will be posted to the Calhoun County website <u>www.calhouncounty.sc.gov</u> and the Facebook page.

General questions or concerns should be directed to 803-874-2435 or jmclauchlin@calhouncounty.sc.gov