

## IMMEDIATE NEWS RELEASE

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### RICHARDSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Richardson County Board of Commissioners during their regular meeting on March 24, 2020, took the following action regarding the operation hours of the Courthouse due to the concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Motion was made by Sickel effective at 5:00 p.m. today, March 24, 2020, to suspend the public access at the Richardson County Courthouse due to the COVID-19 until further notice and to post on all entrance doors telephone numbers of each office for the public to contact the office in need to perform their business over the phone if possible, also post the County's website address for persons to access in which most business within the Courthouse can be conducted through and if not to schedule an appointment to perform such business that is otherwise not available through any other source with that office. Motion seconded by Frank. ROLL CALL VOTE: Frank-aye, Caverzagie-aye, Sickel-aye. Motion carried.*

County Court and District Court will still be in session and persons needing to appear for court hearings should call that office to gain access to the respective courtroom. District Court, Judge Smith is 402-245-2023 and County Court, Judge Maschman is 402-245-2812.

Driver examinations will not be conducted during this time by the NE Department of Motor Vehicles. For further information on licensing questions, please call 402-416-2240.

County officials encourage citizens to use the online services available at the Richardson County website to cut down the amount of foot traffic in the Courthouse and to limit the opportunity for community spread.

For further resources, please visit the Richardson County website at [www.co.richardson.ne.us](http://www.co.richardson.ne.us) or the Nebraska Association of Counties' website at [www.nacone.org](http://www.nacone.org).