

# MAGISTRATE COURT OF BUTTS COUNTY

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## NOTICE

On March 14, 2020 Honorable Harold D. Melton, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court entered an Order Declaring a Statewide Judicial Emergency due to the spread of Coronavirus/COVID-19. In order to protect the health, safety and liberty of all citizens of the State of Georgia, all courts and clerk's offices in the state are directed to suspend all court hearings other than essential criminal proceedings and other essential matters as defined in the Order.

All court hearings in the Magistrate Court of Butts County are suspended until further notice. This includes all civil cases and county ordinance hearing calendars. The Court will still conduct first appearance bond and preliminary hearings as necessary, and Judges will still be available for arrest and search warrants.

Further, the Magistrate Court Clerk's office will be CLOSED to the public. The office will continue to operate behind closed doors to handle phone calls and process cases that are mailed or e-filed into the office. If anyone wishes to file a civil case or file an answer to civil case online you may do so at <https://www.efilegeorgia.com/>.

The Magistrate Court Clerk can be contacted at 770-775-8220 or via email at [buttscountymagistratecourt@gmail.com](mailto:buttscountymagistratecourt@gmail.com).

This 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

Sincerely,

Rebecca J. Pitts, Chief Magistrate Judge