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## **Lafayette County Clerk Linda Niendick Explains April Election Rescheduling**

*Sorting out some of the confusion surrounding Governor Parson's Executive Order*

**Lexington, MO** – Lafayette County Clerk Linda Niendick today explained some of the specifics of Governor Mike Parson's Executive Order 20-03, which reschedules the April 7, 2020 General Municipal Election to June 2, 2020.

“There are a couple of very important details that voters, candidates, and municipalities need to be aware of regarding the Governor's Executive Order,” Niendick explained. “While, the original voter registration and candidate filing deadlines for the postponed April 7<sup>th</sup> election did not change – the last day to request an absentee ballot has shifted to May 20, 2020,” she said.

Since the candidate filing deadline did not change, the names on the ballot are locked in for June 2<sup>nd</sup>. “There are some differences for races in jurisdictions eligible by state statute for non-election – in which qualified candidates do not have challengers” Niendick went on to outline the following:

- State Statute qualified non-election races allow for elected candidates to be seated started April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Jurisdictions required to hold an election regardless of challengers can seat elected candidates after the June 2<sup>nd</sup> election.

While, the biggest issue for this election is the date change, Niendick acknowledged “I fully understand this may leave folks a little confused on the who, what, and where, so I encourage anyone with questions to reach out to my office so we can make sure everyone fully understands the process.”

Questions may be directed Lafayette County Clerk Linda Niendick by phone at 660.259.4315 or by email at [Niendick@LafayetteCountyMO.com](mailto:Niendick@LafayetteCountyMO.com).

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