

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
OKMULGEE DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT
FILED

IN RE:)
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Emergency Continuance of Criminal Docket)
of May 18th, 2020)
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Adm. Order 2020-03

MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION
DONNA BEAVER
COURT CLERK

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The MCN District Court issues the following regarding Criminal docket set for May 18th, 2020. The health and safety are foremost in our minds. Due to the current risk level, we do not wish to see anyone put at more risk due to requirements of court hearings and appearances. Thus, to protect the public, defendants and plaintiffs, law enforcement, attorneys, social workers and our staff:

1. The Court continues the Criminal matters currently set for 9:30a.m., May 18th, 2020 until 10:00 am June 22nd, 2020, unless the following is needed.
2. The Court will make available 3-4 dates and times for Zoom cyber hearings meetings to review 6 - 7 matters for status, set any pre-trial or discovery issues, and take (if any) pleas. Counsel are directed to contact the Clerk's office to set a date.
3. The Cyber hearings will be for purposes of status updates or any current concerns and hopefully deciding upon future courtroom processes for any more substantive hearings, such as reducing public risk, social distancing and court room safety. If the parties have reached an agreement on a plea the court will be willing to consider such if provisions can be made for cyber participation of the Defendant, and / or victim statements if necessary.
4. The court will operate on reduced staff and hours from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. daily.
5. The Clerk's office will only have one Clerk present for the week of May 4th - 8th and anticipates having two clerks starting the week of May 11th - 15th to protect the Clerk's safety. Thus, delays may be expected in answering or responding to calls.
6. The Mound Building housing the Court is currently closed to the public. If an emergency filing is necessary, the party may contact the court at 918-758-1400 and staff will provide instructions.
7. Parties may continue to file matters, by digital or mail means only, upon consultation with the Clerks. However, any hearing or orders regarding such filings will generally not be set **until after** the Court reopens post-pandemic emergency, except upon grant of the Judge.
8. Agreed to orders of parties will be allowed and encouraged. If the parties reach an agreement or plea the parties may submit proposed plea forms properly signed by the parties reflecting such agreement. Contested hearings are at best difficult to conduct digitally thus except for extra-ordinary needs or if constitutionally required and will not be held until re-opening.

9. The Court and our staff ask for your consideration in this extraordinary time. We will continue to look at ways we can continue our Court functions under the current circumstances.

Issued this May 16, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Bigler". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

GREGORY BIGLER
Administrative Judge
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court