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COUNTY OF NYE, STATE OF NEVADA

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COUNTY OF NYE STATE OF NEVADA

ORDER

On or about March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency in the United States in response to the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). On March 12, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak declared a state of emergency in Nevada in response to the recent outbreak of COVID-19. Given the severity of the risk posed to the public by COVID-19, actions taken by the Nevada Supreme Court, and the Fifth Judicial District Court (Administrative Order filed March 16, 2020), Judge Gus Sullivan of Beatty Township Justice Court has determined that alterations to court procedure are necessary for the protection of the community.

Effective March 16, 2020, Beatty Justice Court will accept court filings and continue to operate managing cases within the parameters set forth in this order

1. In-custody transport of defendants will be suspended for 30 days. In-custody arraignments, pre-trials, sentencing hearings, and status hearings will be accommodated through telecommunication and/or video conferencing, unless otherwise ordered by the Court in any particular case.

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2, All arraignments (traffic and criminal) currently scheduled between March 16, 2020 through April 16, 2020 will be continued for a period of at least 30 days.

3, Defendants arrested on traffic offenses and/or warrants subject to release under the current pretrial procedures will be given a return date of 45 days, or as soon thereafter as the Court's calendar will allow.

4, Out of custody trials (traffic and criminal) scheduled between March 16, 2020 through April 16, 2020, will be continued for a period of 30days, or as soon thereafter as the Court's calendar will allow.

5, Any person who is arrested on a traffic violation shall be administratively released at the jail and ordered to contact the Beatty Justice Court by telephone no sooner than May 15, 2020 to schedule a return hearing.

6, Any person who is arrested on a bench warrant for a traffic citation shall be released on that person's own recognizance and ordered to contact the Beatty Justice Court by telephone within 4 weeks of their release from custody to schedule a return hearing date.

7, Any out-of-custody person with an active bench warrant who contacts the Beatty Justice Court by telephone shall have that person's warrant immediately recalled by the Court, and the person shall be given a return court date no sooner than May 15, 2020.

8, All civil filings, including but not limited to small claims complaints, domestic battery protective orders, stalking/harassment protective orders, evictions, and general civil matters, shall be submitted for filing by depositing the pleadings/forms in the Beatty Justice Court drop box.

9, Blank civil forms will be available in the Beatty Justice Court lobby for all persons who require a physical copy of a blank form.

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10. Any individuals who require assistance should contact Beatty Justice Court staff by telephone at (775) 553-2951, who will be available during the Court's regular operating hours, or by visiting the Beatty Justice Court.

11. In order to reduce social contact, Beatty Justice court encourages use of electronic communications for the resolution of cases, status checks, pre-trials, and/or negotiations.

12. Any individual who is not a party, counsel for a party, victim, or witness in any given case shall not be permitted into Beatty Justice Court to observe proceedings, to protect court personnel and the community.

Additionally, the Center for Disease Control has advised people to take precautions and that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid exposure. To assist all persons unable to enter the court facility because of exposure or illness, any such person may call (775) 553-2951 to speak to a representative for assistance in rescheduling their court appearance, arranging for appearance by alternate means, or provide other information based on the circumstances of the appearance.

This Order shall be reviewed no later than every 30 days and shall continue until modified and/or rescinded by a subsequent order.

DATED this 18th day of March 2020.

Gus Sullivan
Justice of the Peace
Beatty Township

DATED this 18th day of March, 2020.