

Eighth Judicial District Criminal Justice Coordination Council

Minutes

Thursday, April 9, 2020

Via Google Meets/Hangouts

1. Call to Order at 8:36 AM
2. Approval of Agenda from January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting – approved unanimous
3. Approval of Minutes from January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting – approved unanimous
4. Discussion:

COVID-19 and the Courts Update: Chief Judge Emilio Chavez

- i. Changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic include the suspension of Jury Trials through April, all other court issues will be addressed through Google Meets/Hangouts;
  - ii. All possible measures will be taken to ensure as few people as possible will be in court to maintain the Stay at Home Order. It is the Judge's discretion as to if anyone should be in the courtroom, the default answer is to utilize Google Meets/Hangouts for appearances;
  - iii. TADC has smoothly transitioned to enabling phone lines for detainee's, attorneys, and allowing a mute option on calls;
  - iv. Up-to-date contact information should be directly shared to ensure that all parties are properly notified of upcoming scheduled events;
  - v. Exhibits must be provided 48 hours in advance, defendant/witness identification can be contested and needs to be docketed;
  - vi. Need to provide the public with notification/press release with information of the Courts recommendation to appear via Google Meets/Hangouts;
  - vii. Magistrate Court is re-setting quickly and normal notice requirements will resume quickly;
  - viii. Court dockets are to be emailed to all CJCC members each Friday prior, or at the latest on Monday for upcoming week.
5. OMA Resolution
    - i. Resolution was sent electronically to all members for approval;
    - ii. Motion was approved to change the wording of "Town of Taos" to "Taos County" in the OMA Resolution;
    - iii. CJCC is subject to OMA at this time.
  6. Selection of Officers
    - i. Chairperson: Tammy Jaramillo
    - ii. Vice Chairperson: Aleksandar Kostich
    - iii. Secretary: Anita Manning

7. Public Comment

- i. Mr. Jaramillo joined the online meeting fielding questions and expressed his gratitude for the courts quick response to online communication during this pandemic;
- ii. The DOH has tested all TADC detainees, employees and any contractors who may have contact with detainees, no cases of COVID-19 have been found as of 4/9/20;
- iii. Law enforcement is following the recommendation concerning bench warrants, by calling the issuing judge to ensure that the warrant should be executed.
- iv. At this time, Failure to Appear warrants are discretionary, opting for a Summons over a warrant to restrict the flow of people, due to the pandemic.
- v. Scheduled next meeting via Google Meets/Hangouts on June 11, 8:30 AM, optimistically speaking at Division II District Courtroom, subject to change with the progress of the pandemic, COVID-19.

8. Adjourn at 9:42 AM