

1 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court  
2 Lake County Courthouse  
3 106 Fourth Avenue East  
4 Polson, MT 59860  
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SANDERS COUNTY CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT  
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7 MONTANA TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT,  
8 LAKE AND SANDERS COUNTIES

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9 May 26<sup>th</sup> 2021

10 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER REGARDING APPEARANCE BY ZOOM

11 Montana 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court

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12 To all Parties:

- 13 1. All parties and attorneys shall appear in person on any matter unless the Court  
14 specifically grants an exception. Any party or attorney wishing to appear by Zoom  
15 must file a written motion with proposed order. The motion and proposed order shall be  
16 filed no later than 3 days before the court appearance. If the Court does not sign the  
17 proposed order, the motion is deemed denied.
- 18 2. Zoom guests are expected to have practiced connecting at least 24 hours in advance of  
19 their hearing, before or after Court hours. Please contact your attorney with any  
20 questions.
- 21 3. Any further technical questions can be addressed by calling State ZOOM Technical  
22 Support at (406) 444-2000.
- 23 4. Zoom guests must identify themselves by first and last name, as well as organization  
24 they represent if applicable (i.e. John Doe (probation officer); Jane Doe (CASA), etc.).  
25 Zoom guests listed only by nicknames, phone numbers, or State ID numbers, etc. will  
26 be placed in the Zoom waiting room.
5. During their hearing, any person not speaking shall mute their device.
6. No recording, broadcasting, videoing, or photographing court proceedings is permitted,  
whether attending in person or remotely, without Court Order.
7. In criminal matters where the defendant is incarcerated, said defendant may appear by  
Zoom without a written motion and order on arraignment and omnibus hearing.

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- 8. Defendants, included those incarcerated, shall appear in person in the Courtroom on a change of plea or sentencing hearings (unless Courtroom security advises of a particular and unusual circumstance brought to both the attorneys and the Judge before hearing).
- 9. Any defendants wishing to be seen on warrant **shall appear in person** in the Courtroom to be heard on their warrant or any motion to quash the warrant.
- 10. Criminal defendant's appearance is subject to court security's recommendation.
- 11. This Administrative Order supersedes any other prior Administrative Orders.

DATED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

  
 DEBORAH KIM CHRISTOPHER  
 District Judge

  
 JAMES A. MANLEY  
 District Judge

Date: 6/1/2001 Initials: cf  
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