IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITIES OF SATANTA AND SUBLETTE

**Administrative Order No. 2020-1**

NOW, on this 25th day of March, 2020 the Court finds as follows:

1. The federal, state and county governments have declared a public health emergency due to COVID-19 global pandemic;

2. On March 24, 2020, Governor Kelly issued Executive Order No. 20-14, which prohibits public and mass gatherings of more than 10 people and requires social distancing; and

3. The Board of County Commissioners of Haskell County, Kansas “BOCC” acting as the County Board of Health, issued and ordered Haskell County Resolution 3-18-20-3, which limits the hours of the Haskell County Courthouse to between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The BOCC also issued and ordered Haskell County Resolution 3-18-20-6, which limits gatherings to no more than 10 people. Both orders were to take effect for a period of 60 days unless otherwise terminated or amended by the BOCC.

4. Since all hearings are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at the Haskell County Courthouse and would likely require more than 10 people to be in the room, it is impossible for the court hearings to proceed as planned. In addition, such conditions endanger the public health, safety and welfare of persons within the borders of Haskell County, Kansas.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

A. All hearings previously scheduled for either April 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., May 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. or June 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. are continued and set for June 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

B. Court clerks for the cities of Sublette and Satanta are directed to provide notice by first class mailing to all attorneys of record and all unrepresented defendants.

C. All new citations for either city shall be set on the June 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. docket. If any hearings are inadvertently set on a prior docket, the court clerk for the relevant city is to give notice of the continuance as set forth above.

D. Notice is also ordered to be posted on doors of the Haskell County Courthouse and at the city offices of each city.

E. BENCH WARRANTS.

1. Service of all bench warrants issued by the Municipal Courts of Satanta, Kansas and Sublette, Kansas are to be suspended. The warrants shall remain valid, and upon expiration of this order, may be served as any other warrant.

2. If a defendant is arrested and served with a bench warrant, the bond will be modified immediately, and without further order of the court, to an own-recognizance bond in the amount of the set as cash or cash-surety. The defendant will be allowed to bond out as soon as possible.

F. ARREST WARRANTS.

1. Arrest warrants will remain valid and may be served using normal procedures.

2. Upon a defendant being arrested and served with an arrest warrant, the bond will be modified immediately, and without further order of the court, to an own-recognizance bond in the amount of the set as cash or cash-surety. The defendant will be allowed to bond out as soon as possible.

G. WARRANTLESS ARRESTS

1. No warrantless arrests shall be made unless the arrest is made for a driving under the influence, domestic battery, or other charge that requires an arrest pursuant to state law.

2. Warrantless arrests required by state law will still be subject to holds for the safety of the victim, public or the defendant.

H. All restrictions for bench warrants, arrest warrants and warrantless arrests set forth in this order begin upon its issuance and shall continue until the June 22, 2020 docket.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Jason E. Maxwell,

Municipal Court Judge