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December 28, 2020

Judge Dean Rucker

Via Email

Dear Judge Rucker:

Please allow this letter to serve as the recertification of the COVID-19 Operating Plan for the Midland County Judiciary dated May 26, 2020.

In that regard, I have attached and incorporated by reference email correspondence between me and Ms. Whitney Craig, the designated local public health authority of Midland County. As you will note in her email to me dated today, she has approved our Operating Plan with no additional recommendations.

Additionally, please be advised of the following:

1. Midland County does not anticipate conducting any in-person proceedings any time soon.
2. Prior to scheduling in-person proceedings, the Local Administrative Judge will contact Whitney Craig prior to same to determine the status of the pandemic conditions.
3. In the interim, no in-person proceedings will be conducted with certain exceptions. The first exception would be if a party is unable to participate due to a disability or lack of technology. The second exception would be in the event of a factual situation not anticipated that is beyond the control of the court, then, in such event the trial judge or Local Administrative Judge will first consult with you to discuss such situation and then determine how such in-person proceeding can be conducted.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David W. Lindemoor".

Judge David W. Lindemoor
318th District Judge

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David Lindemood

From: Whitney Craig <wcraig@midlandtexas.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2020 10:07 AM
To: David Lindemood
Cc: George Gilles; Elizabeth Byer Leonard; Leah Robertson; Jeff Robnett; Kyle Peeler; Marvin Moore; Terry Johnson; Dean Rucker; Rodney Satterwhite; Robin Darr
Subject: RE: New Supreme Court Emergency Order and Office of Court Administration (OCA) Guidelines

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Good morning Judge Lindemood,

I appreciate you sending this for our review. It is approved with no additional recommendations to what you presented. Please let me know if you have anything else for review. Thank you!

Stay healthy and stay safe!

Whitney S. Craig

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Subject: New Supreme Court Emergency Order and Office of Court Administration (OCA) Guidelines

Ms. Whitney Craig
Dear Whitney,

I hope this finds you well. Let me repeat on behalf of all the judges here at the courthouse our appreciation and admiration of the service you have provided us and this county.

I have attached the 29th Emergency Order from the Texas Supreme Court (5 pages), new guidelines from the OCA (2 pages), and our Operating Plan dated May 26, 2020 (4 pages). I had previously sent you our Operating Plan earlier this year.

Please review paragraph numbered 1. on the OCA guidelines. This email is being sent to you in compliance with that specific guideline. Accordingly, I ask that you review our existing Operating Plan to determine if the plan provides sufficient health and safety protocols to permit in-person proceedings. We do not anticipate conducting in-person proceedings any time soon. When we get to the point of starting to schedule in-person proceedings, the Local Administrative Judge, which effective January 1, 2021 will be Judge Jeff Robnett, 441st District Court, will discuss with you in advance whether the then current pandemic conditions are conducive to in-person proceedings and what precautions should be taken when those proceedings are conducted.

If you would, after you have had a chance to review all of this, please respond to me as to your determination. If you have any questions, please contact me at the office or on my cell, 528-4426.

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