

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

2020 MD 300

Supreme Court

No. 20 WM 2020

THE HON. ELIZABETH A. DOYLE

PRESIDENT JUDGE

RE: MDJ PROCEDURES

MDJ PROCEDURAL ORDER

AND NOW, this 1st day of June, 2020, the Court finds the following to be appropriate:

Evictions: ANY AND ALL EVICTIONS ARE STAYED THROUGH JULY 10, 2020. Constables may post July 3, 2020 so an eviction could occur Monday, July 13, 2020.

Landlord/Tenant Filings: For accepting and hearing landlord tenant complaints: any cases involving a material breach of the lease may be filed and failure to pay will be held. The court will issue judgments on all matters contained therein including failure to pay rent if a claim of material breach is also included.

No filings solely for breach of the lease for nonpayment of rent or overstaying will be accepted until July 13.

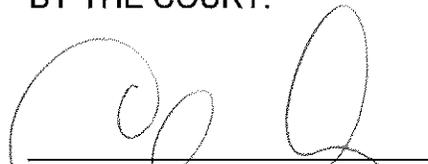
Criminal Matters Appearance:

Incarcerated Defendants: All incarcerated defendants who consent to waiver of personal appearance through Pa.R.C.P Rule 119 shall have their preliminary hearing through ACT through July 10. If they decline to waive personal appearance through Pa.R.C.P 119, their matter shall be continued until after July 10, 2020.

Non Incarcerated Defendants: The MDJ may allow non- incarcerated defendants to waive personal appearance and appear remotely (remote signature authorization form is acceptable). It is in the discretion of the individual M.D.J. to allow personal appearance of any person; such appearance shall be with social distancing and mask wearing. MDJ's may utilize ACT in any other type of cases (civil, landlord tenant, traffic, nontraffic) at the discretion of the respective MDJ.

MDJs shall notify attorneys that they should be prepared to conduct any or all hearings remotely. MDJ's shall notify the District Attorney's staff that they should be prepared to have victims and witnesses participate remotely. Remote participation increases safety in the COVID-19 Pandemic, and it is recommended but is in the discretion of the individual MDJ.

BY THE COURT:



Elizabeth A. Doyle
President Judge
June 1, 2020