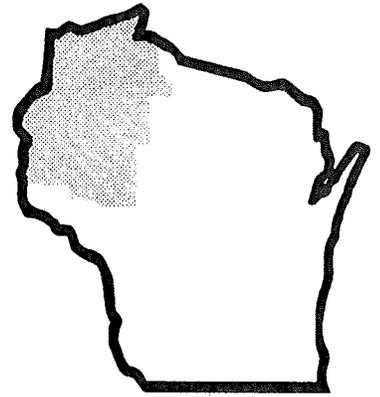


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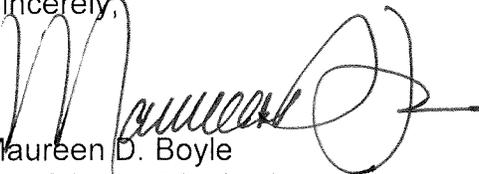
Dear Chief Justice Roggensack and Director Koschnick:

Pursuant to the Wisconsin Supreme Court's order dated May 22, 2020, attached please find a copy of Rusk County's operating plan to resume in-person court proceedings and an operating plan for jury trials with attachments as well my order approving same. The effective date of the both plans is June 8 when the first scheduled jury trial to be conducted in Rusk County will be held consistent with the requirements of the plan. The date by which Rusk County intends to set non-essential in-person proceedings is July 1, 2020, although the court will continue to make all reasonable efforts to conduct proceedings remotely after that date.

The Rusk County Circuit Court and Clerk of Court began actively working on these plans in early May and, given that a fellow Barron County judge is conducting the first trial in Rusk, I was aware early on of the effort, time and resources expended in support of the plans.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Maureen D. Boyle  
Chief Judge District 10

CC: The Honorable Steven P. Anderson, Rusk County Circuit Court  
Christopher Channing, District 10 Court Administrator  
The Honorable J. Michael Bitney, Barron County Circuit Court

**ORDER APPROVING OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR THE SAFE RESUMPTION OF  
IN PERSON PROCEEDINGS AND JURY TRIALS IN RUSK COUNTY**

WHEREAS: The Wisconsin Supreme Court in light of the COVID 19 Statewide and National states of emergency has entered certain orders related to the operations of the Circuit Court regarding in person appearances and jury trials.

WHEREAS: On March 22, 2020, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ordered that although the courts of the State of Wisconsin remain open, all civil and criminal jury trials scheduled to begin before May 22, 2020 are to continued and rescheduled by the assigned judge to a date after May 22, 2020;

WHEREAS: On March 22, 2020, and as amended on April 15, 2020, the Wisconsin Supreme Court suspended, until further order of the court, most in-person hearings in the circuit courts, subject to exceptions for certain matters, including those approved by the chief judges of each district, if remote technology is not practicable or adequate to protect constitutional rights of the citizens of Wisconsin;

WHEREAS: On March 31, 2020, the Wisconsin Supreme Court issued Interim Rule 20-02 which suspended statutory deadlines for conducting non-criminal jury trials until further order of the court:

WHEREAS: On May 22, 2020, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ordered that March 22, 2020 order regarding the suspension of jury trials, that Interim Rule 20-02 regarding suspension of deadlines for non-criminal jury trials, and the April 15, 2020 amended order regarding remote hearings, are extended for each circuit court until that circuit shall have prepared an operational plan for the safe resumption of in-person proceedings and jury trials and the plan shall have been approved by the chief judge of the applicable administrative district;

WHEREAS: On May 22, 2020, the Wisconsin Supreme Court outlined the specific criteria required in each circuit court operational plan as to how that circuit court will conduct in-person proceedings and jury trials so as to reduce to the greatest extent possible the risk of transmission of the virus causes COVID-19 and that promotes the health and safety of all those present in the courtrooms, jury rooms, and other court-related confined spaces of that circuit court;

WHEREAS: On June 5, 2020, the Honorable Steven P. Anderson, Circuit Judge of Rusk County, submitted operational plans regarding resumption of jury trials and regarding resumption of in-person proceedings, both of which contain a statement

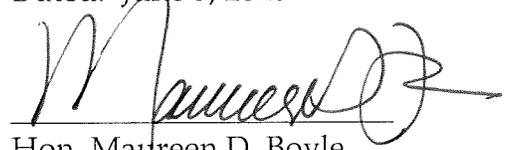
regarding communication with local justice partners regarding the safe resumption of in-person proceedings and jury trials in that circuit court; a requirement that all persons who are present in the courtrooms, jury rooms, and other court-related confined spaces shall wear face coverings, except as authorized on the record by said judge; outlines practices for appropriate sanitation/hygiene of frequently touched surfaces and the hands of participants; specify that notices regarding face coverings and availability of hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes/sprays in court-related areas will be appropriately posted and noticed; and incorporate many recommendations made in the Final Report of the Chief Justice's Task Force;

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED:

The operational plans of the Circuit Court of Rusk County regarding procedures and practices for conducting jury trials and other in-person proceedings during the 2020 public health emergency and pandemic-COVID 19 are hereby approved and are effective June 8, 2020. All previous orders identified in the May 22, 2020 order of the Wisconsin Supreme Court cease to apply to the Circuit Court of Rusk County and that circuit court must continue to follow its operational plans as approved by the chief judge until further notice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of this order shall be subject to further modification or termination by future orders.

Dated: June 5, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maureen D. Boyle', written over a horizontal line.

Hon. Maureen D. Boyle,  
Chief Judge 10th Judicial District