

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONTINUED )  
USE OF REMOTE PROCEEDINGS IN ) ORDER 21-008  
JUVENILE DEPENDENCY CASES )

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that it will benefit parties to clarify paragraph 1(D) of Presiding Judge Order 21-007 (hereinafter "PJO 21-007") effective November 29, 2021 regarding the use of remote proceedings in juvenile dependency proceedings,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that until further order, the following shall supersede paragraph 1(D) of PJO 21-007:

D. Juvenile Dependency:


- a) Shelter hearings, early resolution conferences (ERCs), jurisdiction/disposition hearings and all contested hearings of any type shall be conducted in person.

Permission for remote appearance by attorneys or parties shall only be granted upon showing of good cause, except that tribal representatives may appear by remote means. Attorneys seeking permission for their client or themselves to appear remotely must send an email request at least 24 hours prior to the hearing to [bentonlawscheduling@ojd.state.or.us](mailto:bentonlawscheduling@ojd.state.or.us) setting forth good cause and listing all other parties' positions regarding their request.

- b) Non-ORS 419B.449 review hearings, uncontested permanency hearing, and other uncontested hearings of any type shall be conducted remotely. Hearing participants may appear in person if they prefer.
- c) Witness lists, exhibit lists, and copies of all proposed exhibits must be filed electronically in the manner set forth in the *Instructions for Submitting Electronic Exhibits* available on the court's webpage.

This order takes effect immediately upon signature.

DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

  
Locke A. Williams, Presiding Judge  
21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District