ANGELINA COUNTY JUSTICES OF THE PEACE Temporary Standing Order (No. 01)

. TEMPORARY STANDING ORDER REGARDING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) MITIGATION AND ALL JUSTICES OF THE PEACE IN ANGELINA COUNTY

- 1. Due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the four Justices of the Peace of Angelina County issue the following order based on the Office of Court of Administration's "Updated Guidance #1 on Court Procedures for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)." This order is issued to protect the community, limit exposure, and provide for an efficient judicial system.
- 2. This order will remain in effect unless the Governor of Texas issues a disaster declaration and the Texas Supreme Court (or delegate) authorizes new rules during the disaster, in which case a new order for the four Justices of the Peace of Angelina County will be issued comporting to the declaration and rules. If the Office of Court Administration issues updated guidance, the four Justices of the Peace of Angelina County will amend this order accordingly.
- 3. All scheduled court proceedings prior to April 1, 2020 except for "essential proceedings" will be reset to another date after April 1, 2020. Each court will contact the litigants to notify them of the reset date as soon as practical for the court. Essential court proceedings are identified as: writs of re-entry, writs of restoration, magistration of defendants in custody and of fugitives from justice (in or out of custody), and repair and remedy cases that materially affect the physical health and safety of a tenant."
- 4. No eviction setting will be held until after April 1, 2020. No writs of possession will be issued by a Justice Court for 60 days after the date of this order.
- 5. For traffic/Class C citations with an appearance date prior to April 1, 2020, the appearance date will be extended and the court will notify defendants of a new rescheduled appearance date (defendants should check the court's website weekly for an update on appearance dates). This applies to cite-and-release charges and summonses for charges other than Class C misdemeanors as well. No warrants due to failing to appear for a traffic/Class C citation, cite-and-release charge, or summons will be issued for 60 days from this order.

SO ORDERED, this the 17th day of March, 2020.

/s/ Billy S. Ball
Judge Billy S. Ball, Precinct One

<u>/s/ Donnie Puckett</u> Judge Donnie Puckett, Precinct Two

<u>/s/ Pat Grimes Grubbs</u>
Judge Pat Grimes Grubbs, Precinct Three

<u>/s/ Rodney Cheshire</u> Judge Rodney Cheshire, Precinct Four