Rescinding COVID-19 Circuit Court Operating Plan

WHEREAS: On May 21, 2021, the Wisconsin Supreme Court terminated the following orders: (1) In re the Matter of Jury Trials During the COVID-19 Pandemic—Amended (S. Ct. Order issued March 22, 2020; Amended April 15, 2020); (2) In re the Matter of Filing of Court Documents in Circuit and Appellate Courts (Temporary Mailbox Rule) (S. Ct. Order issued April 13, 2020); (3) Interim Rule 20-02; and In re the Matter of the Extension of Orders and the Interim Rule Concerning Continuation of Jury Trials, Suspension of Statutory Deadlines for Non-Criminal Jury Trials, and Remote Hearings During the COVID-19 Pandemic (Amended Order) (S. Ct. Order issued October 1, 2020);

WHEREAS: The Wisconsin Supreme Court "no longer requires that personal masking, social distancing, and sanitizing court facilities be part of any plan for circuit court and municipal court proceedings approved by the chief judge of the applicable judicial district. Instead, circuit courts and municipal courts, with the approval of the applicable chief judge, shall make county-wide decisions about what is in the best interest of circuit court and municipal court operations, respectively. This includes deciding whether or not to continue to require masking, social distancing, and sanitizing court facilities on a county by county basis.";

WHEREAS: Presiding Judge John Yackel, after consultation with the Sawyer County Clerk of Court, has determined that plans related to operations and jury trials in Sawyer County Circuit Court are no longer necessary given the removal of masking or social distancing requirements in other public institutions in Sawyer County;

WHEREAS; On May 24, 2021, pursuant to the order of the Wisconsin Supreme Court dated May 21, 2021, the Presiding Judge of Sawyer County has requested approval to rescind the Sawyer County operational plan dated 7/13/2020;

THEREFORE: The COVID-19 Court Operational Plan for Sawyer County is hereby rescinded effective May 24, 2021.

Date: 5-24-2021

Honorable Maureen Boyle

Chief Judge, 10th Judicial District