

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia issued an Administrative Order entered on May 6, 2020 which adopted a COVID-19 Resumption of Operations Protocol for the judicial system throughout the State of West Virginia,

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Commission is closing the Lincoln County Courthouse to the public due to the threat of exposure to the COVID-19,

WHEREAS, this Court, has decided in order to protect the public, that all courts in Lincoln County will be closed, with the exception of judicial emergencies. This Court will leave it to the presiding judicial officers to determine, after weighing the concerns of exposure to the COVID-19 along with the other interests of justice, as to what constitutes a judicial emergency,

WHEREAS, each court, including Circuit, Family and Magistrate Court shall have all telephone calls directed to either a landline or cell phone that will provide the public a means of contacting them throughout the pendency of this Order,

The Clerk is directed to send a certified copy of this Order to the Lincoln

County Prosecutor, the 25th Judicial Circuit Public Defender, and all other counsel who have offices in Lincoln County, West Virginia. The Clerk is also directed to post a copy of this Order on the door to their office and on all entry doors to the Lincoln County Courthouse. Copies of this order should also be made available to any person who requests a copy of the same. This Administrative Order shall be temporary in nature, but shall remain in effect until a further order is entered by either Chief Judge Jay M. Hoke or the undersigned.

ENTERED: August 3 2020


Hon. William S. Thompson
Judge, 25th Judicial Circuit