IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

ORDER RE: Allowance of Alternative Location for Jury Trial Impanelment in Custer County, Idaho.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-13

Dane H. Watkins, Jr., Administrative District Judge of the Seventh Judicial District hereby finds and orders as follows:

WHEREAS on October 8, 2020, the Idaho Supreme Court issued its Amended Order entitled "In Re: Jury Trials," the provisions of which govern the conduct of jury trials in Idaho ("Amended Jury Trial Order"); and,

WHEREAS a part of that Amended Jury Trial Order provides that the Administrative District Judge, in his discretion, may approve the use of alternative locations with sufficient space to impanel a jury, if sufficient space to allow for adherence to the safety requirements set forth in that Order for the jury venire is unavailable in the county courthouse;

WHEREAS the Custer County Courthouse is unable to seat enough potential jurors for the jury venire to impanel a jury or to conduct a jury trial and follow the safety requirements necessary;

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Custer County may utilize the following location for the conduct of jury trials: Challis Community Events Center, 411 Clinic Road, Challis, Idaho, as needed, in order to comply with the safety requirements necessary for all portions of jury trials, until further order of the Idaho Supreme Court removing or modifying safety conditions for jury trials.

Dated this day of March, 2021.

Honorable Dane H. Watkins, Administrative District Judge Seventh Judicial District

Cc:

Custer County Elected Clerk
Custer County Jury Commissioner
7th Judicial District Magistrate & District Judges
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