

**STANDING ORDER FOR ALL ROLETTE COUNTY HEARINGS
TO BE HELD BY RELIABLE ELECTRONIC MEANS**


[¶1] This Order is entered in response to the current increase in cases of COVID-19 in Rolette County, and the attendant impact such cases have had on Court proceedings and the Rolette County Correctional Center operations.

[¶2] Considerations of health and safety of court personnel, court participants, law enforcement and correctional officers, and others involved in any and all Court proceedings in Rolette County require this Court to enter this Standing Order. Beginning Wednesday, January 12, 2022, all Court proceedings in Rolette County will be held by reliable electronic means, whether such proceedings be criminal, civil, or juvenile, unless otherwise specifically authorized by a Judge of the Northeast Judicial District. This Order is entered in accordance with Administrative Rule 52, and the reliable electronic means policy and procedures previously utilized in Rolette County in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[¶3] This Standing Order will be reviewed every 30 days to determine if conditions at that time result in a continuing need for reliable electronic means hearings, or if in person appearances are safe to resume.

[¶4] Any further questions regarding these matters should be directed to the Court for determination on a case-by-case basis.

[¶5] Dated this 11th day of January 2022.



Anthony Swain Benson
District Judge