TOWN OF MEAD MUNICIPAL COURT – POLICY AND STANDING ORDER OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE

Live Streaming Coverage of Proceedings and Virtual Proceedings Policy

This Order is created subsequent to House Bill 23-1182, Chief Justice Directive 23-02 LIVE STREAMING COVERAGE OF CRIMINAL COURT PROCEEDINGS IN THE TRIAL COURTS, and Chief Justice Directive 23-03 VIRTUAL PROCEEDINGS POLICY.

The Town of Mead Municipal Court does not have sufficient staff to monitor a constant live stream coverage of its proceedings while simultaneously affording the protections against broadcast of confidential communications, nor the technological capacity and staffing to hold hearings pursuant to the presumptive hearing types set forth in Section IV of Chief Justice Directive 23-03 and would find these obligations to be an operational and financial hardship.

In an effort to continue to promote public access and transparency, any individual requesting to observe a criminal proceeding remotely or appear virtually may complete a Request to Observe Criminal Proceeding Remotely or Appear Virtually form for the judicial officer to consider pursuant to the factors outlined in Chief Justice Directives 23-02(IV)(B) and 23-03(IV).

Effective date: September 1, 2023

David J. Thrower

Presiding Municipal Judge