



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON
COUNTY OF MORROW

In the Matter of Accepting
Jurisdiction over Juvenile Cases in
Morrow County

PRESIDING JUDGE ORDER
NO. 16-002

WHEREAS ORS 3.265(1) permits the Morrow County Court to transfer jurisdiction over juvenile cases to the Morrow County Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS THE Morrow County Court by majority vote on September 23, 2015, did exercise their authority to transfer juvenile jurisdiction to the Morrow County Circuit Court effective early January 2017; the Morrow County Court thus ceasing to hold any jurisdiction over juvenile delinquency or juvenile dependency cases; and

WHEREAS ORS 419A.255 requires the clerk of the court with jurisdiction to maintain the records of that court and there remaining no clerk of the County Court with authority to maintain the statutorily confidential records of the juvenile court transferred to the custody of the Circuit Court, nor other authorized Morrow County holder of the records thereunder; and

WHEREAS UNDER ORS 3.275, the 6th Judicial District assumes full jurisdiction over all of the records and proceedings of the Morrow County Juvenile Court effective January 1, 2017;

THEREFORE IT is ordered that the Morrow County District Attorney and the Attorney General may file such juvenile cases as they should desire in the Morrow County Circuit Court prior to the final transfer of jurisdiction, to effect smooth transition and the effective and efficient processing of juvenile cases.

The Morrow County Court shall cause all records of the cases as described in ORS 419A.252, written, electronic, audio or otherwise, in its possession to be transferred to the Trial Court Administrator (TCA). The physical transfer of these records must occur no later than January 1, 2017, but may occur before that date with concurrence of the TCA and the Judge of the Morrow County Court. The TCA shall cause the records to be renumbered

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and classified appropriately as confidential records described in ORS 419A.255 and other law. The Chief Juvenile Judge and the Presiding Judge shall work with the TCA to effectively manage the transfer.

Pursuant to ORS 419A.118 the Citizens' Review Board for Morrow County shall provide to the Circuit Court copies of all written findings and recommendations in any pending cases that have not been previously filed with the transferred juvenile court file.

This order shall be filed with the Oregon Supreme Court and the County Clerk for Morrow County as the records custodian for Morrow County.

References: ORS 3.275(2); ORS 419A.004; ORS 419A.255

DATED: April 8, 2016

DANIEL J. HILL
Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court