

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BRYAN COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

**IN RE: DECLARATION OF
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

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SECOND AMENDED EMERGENCY ORDER

On April 6, 2022, in response to damage caused by a tornado, and related weather, the undersigned, as Chief Judge of the Superior Court of Bryan County, Georgia, issued an Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency (“Order”) pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61. Since the date of the Court’s initial Order, the Bryan County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) met at an Emergency Meeting, on April 7, 2022. At the meeting, the Board adopted Resolution Number 2022-27, which designated the following facilities as alternate locations for court use:

1. The Commission Hearing Room, and adjacent small conference room, within the Richmond Hill Administrative Building, located at 66 Captain Matthew Freeman Drive, Richmond Hill, Georgia.
2. The Richmond Hill Council meeting room and hearing space, along with detention rooms and Municipal Court space, located at 40 Richard Davis Drive, Richmond Hill, Georgia, subject to coordination of dates and times with the City of Richmond Hill, Georgia.
3. Designated spaces at the Lanier Learning Facility located at 6024 Highway 280, Pembroke, Georgia.

The foregoing being jointly referred to herein as “The Facilities.” The undersigned has determined that non-jury and jury trial proceedings can be conducted safely within the foregoing facilities.

As an “authorized judicial official” as defined in O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60, and acting in accordance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60, *et seq.*, and U.S.C.R. 45, it is hereby declared that this Court is confronted with a judicial emergency. Therefore, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, the undersigned, Chief Judge of the Superior Court of the Atlantic Judicial Circuit, DOES HEREBY REAFFIRM the existence of a Judicial Emergency in Bryan County, Georgia.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61(c) the Court finds that the circumstances underlying the judicial emergency makes access to the Bryan County Courthouse temporarily impossible or impractical. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-6-18, the Court hereby designates The Facilities for the conduct of court business.

The Facilities shall be accessible to the public pursuant to the Superior Court’s Standing Administrative Order and during the hours required by O.C.G.A. § 15-6-93, including, the Bryan County Administration Building, located at 66 Captain Matthew Freeman Drive, Richmond Hill, Georgia 31324, which was used as a satellite office for the Clerk of Superior, State, Juvenile and Magistrate Courts of Bryan County and by the Probate Court of Bryan County.

The alternate designations included herein shall remain in effect until further order of this Court. This Order shall not serve to alter, amend or in any way modify the earlier declarations and determinations referenced above.

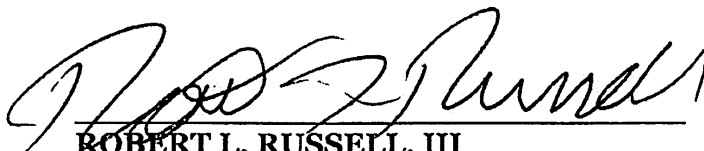
IT IS ORDERED that the Sheriff of Bryan County shall post a copy of this Order in a public manner at the Bryan County Courthouse and at The Facilities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall immediately notify and serve Chief Justice David E. Nahmias of the Supreme Court of Georgia with a copy of this Order, such service to be accomplished via e-mail to Tee Barnes, the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Georgia at barnest@gasupreme.us;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall immediately notify and serve a copy of this order on the judges and clerks of all courts sitting within the jurisdiction affected and on the clerks of the Georgia Court of Appeals and Georgia Supreme Court, such service to be accomplished through reasonable means to assure expeditious receipt; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall give notice of the issuance of the order to the affected parties, counsel for the affected parties and to the public.

SO ORDERED, this 12 day of April, 2022.



ROBERT L. RUSSELL, III
Chief Judge, Superior Court of Bryan County
Atlantic Judicial Circuit