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To All Attorneys and Bondsman with cases set on the

May 5, 2020 Docket of the Lampasas County Court

As we all hope for a return to normal, the county attorney's office has been working to keep the dockets moving as best we can and scheduled a full County Court docket for May the 5, 2020. Unfortunately as the docket approaches, it appears we were much too optimistic as to the ability to safely gather. For this reason and the need to assure the safety of all scheduled to appear on the May 5th docket, we will:

- 1) Reset any case on the request of the attorney
- 2) Reset any case on the request of a Pro Se defendant
- 3) Reset any case that the defendant fails to appear, without any action against the bond
- 4) Accommodate the resolution of cases that can be made without an appearance in open court; Pre-trial Interventions (including supervised PTI) or reviews of probation cases
- 5) Accommodate pleas of "guilty" or "nolo contendere" by counsel without the presence of the defendant (whether in custody or on bond) pursuant to Art. 27.14.
- 6) Accommodate off docket discussions seeking agreed resolutions of pending matters

If any un-represented defendant is seeking the appointment of counsel, they are urged to contact (via telephone) the County Judge's (512-556-8271) or County Attorney's (512-556-8282) office to receive and submit an application for a court appointed attorney. A Pro Se defendant may contact the county attorney's office about seeking a resolution/plea agreement on their case, but they should strongly consider the dangers about proceeding without an attorney. Further admonishments of the dangers of self-representation will be given by the county attorney's office prior to any discussion of the facts or resolution of a case.

The morning of May 5, 2020 the county attorney and assistant will be in the courthouse to address anyone who does appear for the docket call, but again NO ONE is required to appear and there will be NO CONSEQUENCE for a failure to appear for that docket.

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