

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)	
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WICKENBURG MUNICIPAL)	Administrative Order
COURT)	<u>No. 2005- 40</u>
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On June 29, 2005, the Honorable Colin Campbell, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Maricopa County, advised the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) that all clerks of the Wickenburg Municipal Court unexpectedly tendered their resignation, effective July 1, 2005, and that the provision of temporary office support to handle the business of the court had not been arranged.

Further, the AOC issued an operational review report in March 2005, identifying a number of operational deficiencies related to court administration and case and financial management in the Wickenburg Municipal Court. Current and past staff resignations have made it impossible for the court to develop and implement a plan to address these operational review findings.

The orderly administration of justice in the Wickenburg Municipal Court during the period of time required to recruit, hire and train new court employees is important to the citizens it serves. Further, the operational deficiencies must be addressed as soon as possible.

Presiding Judge Campbell has offered to assign temporary clerk assistance to the Wickenburg Municipal Court, as needed, through the Justice of Peace Court located in the same court facility. Additionally, he has offered to provide training to new court employees and to develop a plan to address operational issues using the management and staff resources of Limited Jurisdiction Court Administration.

Now therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3 of the Arizona Constitution and Administrative Order No. 2005-32, which provides for the appointment of the Presiding Judge as the Chief Judicial Executive Officer of the county with administrative supervision over the municipal courts,

IT IS ORDERED that until further order of the Court, the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court in Maricopa County or designee of the Presiding Judge shall temporarily assume oversight of the day-to-day operations of the Wickenburg Municipal Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Judge or designee may issue such orders concerning the administration of the court as may be required to ensure the on-going and proper operations of the Wickenburg Municipal Court including, but not limited to, the provision of temporary clerks, the timely recruitment, hiring and training of new court personnel, and the preparation and implementation of a plan to address the findings identified in the operational review.

Dated this 30th day of June, 2005.

RUTH V. McGREGOR
Chief Justice