

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HARDEE, HIGHLANDS, AND POLK COUNTIES, FLORIDA**

SECOND SPECIAL ORDER

**AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 1-1.69
“ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES JULY 6, 2026 THROUGH JANUARY 3, 2027”**

WHEREAS, Administrative Order No. 1-1.69 provides for the assignment of judges from July 6, 2026, through January 3, 2027; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit B to Administrative Order No. 1-1.69 includes information regarding the time that juvenile detention and first appearance hearings begin on weekends and holidays; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Exhibit B to Administrative Order No. 1-1.69 to make it consistent with other administrative orders; it is therefore

ORDERED that, effective upon entry of this Order, Exhibit B to Administrative Order No. 1-1.69 is replaced with Amended Exhibit B, attached and incorporated herein.

DONE AND ORDERED on this 21st day of August, 2026.

s/James A. Yancey, Chief Judge

Copies:

All Judges

Hardee County Clerk of Courts

Highlands County Clerk of Courts

Polk County Clerk of Courts

Office of the State Attorney

Office of the Public Defender

Office of Criminal Conflict and Civil Regional Counsel, 2nd District Region

Hardee County Sheriff's Office

Highlands County Sheriff's Office

Polk County Sheriff's Office

Polk County Court Services Division (PTS)

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AMENDED EXHIBIT B
WEEKEND, HOLIDAY AND DUTY ASSIGNMENT INCLUDING FIRST APPEARANCE HEARINGS
AND JUVENILE DETENTION HEARINGS
JULY 6, 2026 THROUGH JANUARY 3, 2027

Weekend and holiday hearings for all three counties are held in Bartow. (First Appearance and Juvenile Detention Hearings required on all listed dates.)
8:00 A.M. - JUVENILE DETENTION AND FIRST APPEARANCE HEARINGS

DAY	DATE	JUDGE
Saturday and Sunday	July 11th and 12th	PATTEY
Saturday and Sunday	July 18th and 19th	BUTZ
Saturday and Sunday	July 25th and 26th	SPOTO
Saturday and Sunday	August 1st and 2nd	HORTON
Saturday and Sunday	August 8th and 9th	GIBSON
Saturday and Sunday	August 15th and 16th	WATERS
Saturday and Sunday	August 22nd and 23rd	MCDANIEL
Saturday and Sunday	August 29th and 30th	SWENSON
Saturday, Sunday and Monday*	September 5th, 6th, and 7th	A. KAYLOR
Saturday and Sunday	September 12th and 13th	RAMIREZ
Saturday, Sunday and Monday*	September 19th, 20th and 21st	WELLS
Saturday and Sunday	September 26th and 27th	BARBER
Saturday and Sunday	October 3rd and 4th	MOORE
Saturday and Sunday	October 10th and 11th	WARD
Saturday and Sunday	October 17th and 18th	STAMEY
Saturday and Sunday	October 24th and 25th	FLYNN
Saturday and Sunday	October 31st and November 1st	ABDONEY
Saturday and Sunday	November 7th and 8th	G. HILL
Wednesday*	November 11th	KOHL
Saturday and Sunday	November 14th and 15th	FRANKLIN
Saturday and Sunday	November 21st and 22nd	COWDEN
Thursday and Friday*	November 26th and 27th	BOWMAN
Saturday and Sunday	November 28th and 29th	CORBETT
Saturday and Sunday	December 5th and 6th	DENMARK
Saturday and Sunday	December 12th and 13th	HARB
Saturday and Sunday	December 19th and 20th	OJEDA
Thursday and Friday*	December 24th and 25th	NAJ HIGHLANDS COUNTY
Saturday and Sunday	December 26th and 27th	NAJ POLK COUNTY 1
Thursday and Friday*	December 31st and January 1st	NAJ POLK COUNTY 2
Saturday and Sunday	January 2nd and 3rd	SITES

*Denotes Holiday

Notes:

1. Juvenile Detention and First Appearance Hearings on holidays and weekends for all three counties are conducted in Courtroom 8E in the Polk County Courthouse in Bartow, FL. The hearings will begin at 8:00 a.m. Please be on time to hold to a minimum the hours of overtime for support personnel.
2. Regular weekend duty hours are from 5:00 p.m. Friday until 8:30 a.m. Monday. Holiday weekend duty shall begin at 5:00 p.m. on the last regular working day and conclude at 8:30 a.m. on the next regular working day. Isolated single day holiday duty shall begin at 5:00 p.m. on the proceeding day and conclude at 8:30 a.m. on the day following the holiday.