

**IN THE STATE COURT OF BRYAN COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

IN RE: DOCKET/HEARINGS
SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 22,
2025,

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ORDER REGARDING
DOCKETS OF JANUARY 22, 2025

On January 20, 2025, at 9:28 a.m., the National Weather Service in Charleston, South Carolina issued a Hazardous Weather Outlook & a Cold Weather Advisory at 9:16 a.m. (which will be jointly referred to hereinafter as “the Advisories”)¹, both of which are expected to affect Bryan County, Georgia, among other areas of this State and elsewhere. According to the Advisories, Bryan County will experience “excessive cold, ice accumulation, [and] snow/sleet” from Tuesday, January 21, 2025, through Sunday, January 26, 2025. The Advisories also warn of very cold wind chills of 10 to 20 degrees until sometime Wednesday, January 22, 2025. The Advisories provide that the impacts could include:

frostbite and hypothermia . . . if unprotected skin is exposed to these temperatures. Wind chill values can lead to hypothermia with prolonged exposure. This will be an unusually long period of bitterly cold weather. Daytime highs will only warm into the upper 30s to around 40 degrees Tuesday and mid upper 30s Wednesday. Overnight

¹ The Advisories may be accessed at:

https://forecast.weather.gov/showsigwx.php?warnzone=GAZ100&warncounty=GAC031&firewxzone=GAZ100&local_place1=Statesboro%20GA&product1=Winter+Storm+Watch&lat=32.4249&lon=-81.7943&utm_source=grice%20connect&utm_campaign=grice%20connect%3A%20outbound&utm_medium=referral, accessed January 20, 2025.

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lows will drop into the mid to upper 20s tonight then lower to mid 20s Tuesday night.

(Advisories, *supra*). Lastly, the Advisories admonish that caution should be used when traveling. *Id.* According to local media, “[c]oastal communities could also see 0.25” of ice accumulation, which could be a big impact on roads and especially bridges.”²

Based on the foregoing, the Court is concerned that travel could impose a great risk for those individuals who will be traveling for their scheduled hearings before the Court on January 22, 2025. It is therefore incumbent upon the Court to continue its dockets of January 22, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to this Court’s discretionary control of its own dockets, and in order to give facility and expedition to its own proceedings, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the January 22, 2025, dockets, including all cases scheduled to come before the Court at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on the foregoing date, are hereby **CONTINUED** until further order of this Court. Blevins v. State, 113 Ga. App. 702, 149 S.E.2d 423 (1966); Gilbert v. Montlick & Associates, P.C., 248 Ga. App. 535, 546 S.E.2d 895 (2001); In Interest of I.L.M., 304 Ga. 114, 816 S.E.2d 620 (2018).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall immediately notify and serve a copy of this Order via email on Mark D. Crowe, Sheriff of Bryan County (bryancountyjail@bryancountyga.gov), Rebecca G. Crowe, Clerk of the State Court of

² WTOC – “Cold air settles in, wintry precipitation possible Tuesday night”, accessible at <https://www.wtoc.com/2025/01/20/cold-air-settles-wintry-precipitation-possible-tuesday-night/>, accessed January 20, 2025.

Bryan County (Becky.Crowe@gsccca.org), Donald L. Montgomery, Jr., Solicitor General of the State Court of Bryan County (dmontgomery@bryancountyga.gov), Brandon S. Clark, Atlantic Judicial Circuit Public Defender (bclark@gapublicdefender.org), John Hawkins of Southeast Corrections, LLC (jhawkins@secorrections.com), Janie Casey (jcaseyreporting@gmail.com), Michelle Gonzales (Michelle@gonzalesinterpreting.com), and such other individuals who regularly appear before the Court, or their designees.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be posted on the Court's website, www.bryancountystatecourt.org, and on the door of the Bryan County Courthouse.

SO ORDERED, this 20th day of January, 2025.



HON. BILLY E. TOMLINSON
Judge, State Court of Bryan County
State of Georgia