



CALHOUN COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1

CALHOUN COUNTY, TEXAS

POLICY MEMORANDUM REGARDING CLASS C MISDEMEANOR APPEAL SETTINGS

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Court, the following procedures are adopted regarding the scheduling and disposition of **Class C Misdemeanor Appeals** in the Calhoun County Court at Law No. 1:

1. Settings Required

All Class C Misdemeanor Appeals shall be set for **two (2) court settings only**:

- A **Status Setting**; and
 - A **Final Pretrial Setting**.
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2. Status Setting Requirements

Counsel for the defendant is required to appear at the Status Setting.

A waiver of the Status Setting must be **e-filed with the Calhoun County Clerk's Office and filed in the case** no later than **three (3) days prior to the scheduled setting**. The waiver is subject to approval by the Court.

3. Final Pretrial Setting Requirements

Both **counsel and the defendant** are required to appear **in person** at the Final Pretrial Setting.

The Final Pretrial Setting shall serve as the **final deadline** for:

- Entry of any negotiated plea agreement; and
 - Resolution of the case without trial.
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4. Plea Agreements

All plea agreements must be entered **on or before the Final Pretrial Setting**.

No plea agreements will be accepted after the Final Pretrial Setting.

5. Continuances

The Court will allow **one (1) continuance** of a setting if:

- The request is **agreed to by the State and the defendant (or defense counsel)**; and
- The request is submitted to and approved by the Court.

Absent agreement of the parties, any request for continuance is subject to the Court's discretion.

6. Trial Setting

If the defendant does not accept the State's plea offer at the Final Pretrial Setting, the case will be set for trial.

The defendant shall have the option of:

- A **bench trial**; or
 - A **jury trial**, as permitted by law.
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7. Compliance Required

All parties are expected to comply with this Policy Memorandum. Failure to comply may result in the case being set for trial or other action as deemed appropriate by the Court.

8. Effective Date

This Policy Memorandum is effective immediately upon issuance and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

SIGNED on this 7th day of APRIL, 2026.



JAMES R. BEELER
Judge, County Court at Law No. 1
Calhoun County, Texas