

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR AMHERST COUNTY

**IN RE: CLOSING OF THE AMHERST CIRCUIT COURT AND
CLERK'S OFFICE ON FEBRUARY 4, 2021-FEBRUARY 5, 2021**

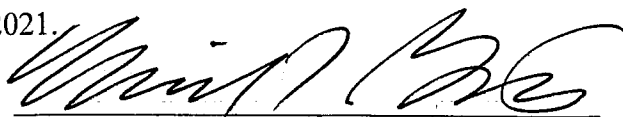
ORDER

WHEREAS, the Clerk's office of this Court was recently exposed to COVID-19, and after consulting with the Clerk of this Court, the Chief Judge of the 24th Judicial Circuit, and the online guidance from the Virginia Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Court has determined that the operation of the Circuit Court and Circuit Court Clerk's Office, under prevailing conditions, would constitute a threat to the health and safety of the Circuit Court and Clerk's office personnel and the general public until such time as the office is appropriately cleaned and disinfected; and

NOW, THEREOFRE, this Court, pursuant to Va. Code § 17.2-207(A)(3), hereby **ORDERS** with the consent of the Clerk that the Amherst Circuit Court Clerk's office and the Amherst Circuit Court shall be closed at Noon on February 4, 2021 and all day on February 5, 2021 to allow the office to be appropriately cleaned and disinfected. The closing of the Amherst Circuit Court and the Amherst Clerk's office shall have the same effect as provided in subsection B of Va. Code § 1-210.

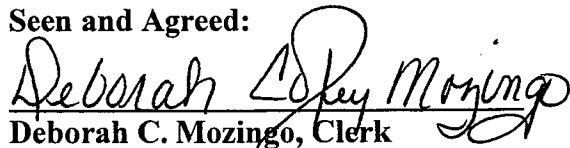
The Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Order to the Amherst Commonwealth's Attorney, Lynchburg Bar Association and to post a copy of this Order at the courthouse entrance.

ENTERED this 4th day of February, 2021.



**Michael T. Garrett, Presiding Judge
Amherst Circuit Court and Chief Judge
of the 24th Judicial Circuit**

Seen and Agreed:



**Deborah C. Mozingo, Clerk
Amherst Circuit Court**