

**AMENDED  
ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN**

**District Court of Sharp County, Arkansas**

**1. JUDGES.**

The Sharp County District Court is a local district court served by one (1) judge. The judge serves in the statutorily designated departments of the court as follows:

<u>Judge</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Physical Location</u>
Mark R. Johnson	Ash Flat	Sharp County Courthouse 718 Ash Flat Drive Ash Flat, AR 72513
Mark R. Johnson	Cherokee Village	Cherokee Village City Hall #2 Santee Drive Cherokee Village, AR 72529

The statutory authority for the organization and designation of this district court is found is found at A.C.A. §16-17-25

**2. COURT SESSIONS AND TYPES OF CASE BY SUBJECT MATTER  
(Criminal, Traffic, Civil and Small Claims).**

Sessions of the court are generally scheduled on the following days of the week at the following times:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Day of Month</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Type of Case</u>	
Ash Flat	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Traffic & Criminal	Pleas
Ash Flat	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday *This docket is for defendants who are represented by attorneys.	9:00 a.m.	Traffic & Criminal	Trials
Ash Flat	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday *This docket is for defendants who are self-represented.	9:00 a.m.	Traffic & Criminal	Trials
Ash Flat	1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	9:00 a.m.	Civil & Small Claims	Trials
Ash Flat	1 <sup>st</sup> Week April 1 <sup>st</sup> Week of October		Conflict Docket	
Cherokee Village	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	9:00 a.m.	Traffic & Criminal	Pleas / Trials

Mandatory Holding of Court for Departments of a District Court

☒ Pursuant to A.C.A. §16-17-138, sessions of court are held at least one (1) time per month unless mutually waived by the district court judge and the governing body of the city or town where the department is located.

### **3. OFFICIALS AND OTHER INFORMATION**

#### **District Court Prosecutor**

The Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Judicial District Prosecutor, Henry Boyce, has appointed his Deputy Prosecutor, Joe Grider of Pocahontas, Randolph County, Arkansas as the Sharp County District Court Prosecutor for the Ash Flat Department and the Cherokee Village Department.

#### **Sharp County District Court, Ash Flat Department**

Chief Clerk	Amanda Brewer
Deputy Clerks	Jane Powell and Barbara Wakeham
Bailiff and Probation Officer	Ariel Housmann
Community Service Supervisor	Brian Watson

Address & Telephone Number:

PO Box 2  
718 Ash Flat Drive  
Ash Flat, AR 72513  
(879) 994-7109

#### **Sharp County District Court, Cherokee Village Department**

Chief Clerk	Sandy Elliott
Bailiff and Probation Officer	Ariel Housmann
Community Service Representative	Thomas Swiatkowski

\*Numerous volunteers help on court dates.

Address and Telephone Number:

PO Box 129  
#2 Santee Drive  
Cherokee Village, AR 72525  
(870) 257-5522

#### **Cherokee Village Police Department**

Chief of Police	Rickey Crook
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Address and Telephone Number:

PO Box 129  
#2 Santee Drive  
Cherokee Village, AR 72525  
(870) 257-5225

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The city of Cherokee Village has approximately one half (1/2) of its land mass located in Sharp County, Arkansas and one half (1/2) of its land mass located in the contiguous county of Fulton County, Arkansas. Fulton County is part of the Sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) Judicial District. Even through a large portion of the land mass of Cherokee Village is located in Fulton County, only twenty percent (20%) of its population is located or reside in the Fulton County portion of Cherokee Village.

Because Cherokee Village has its own police force and for other logistical reasons, by agreement with the District Court of Fulton County, Arkansas, Honorable Larry Kissee presiding, those criminal and traffic offenses occurring in Cherokee Village, Fulton County, are heard in the District Court of Sharp County, Arkansas on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month. This exchange agreement was entered into pursuant to A.C.A. §16-17-102.

Cherokee Village also has an animal control officers and an animal control facility, commonly referred to as Cherokee Village Animal Control, and said facility is located in Fulton County, Arkansas at 1531 Highway 289 North, Cherokee Village, Arkansas.

Cherokee Village also has a community service program whereby individuals charged with offenses may be given specific sentences including a certain amount of day(s) of community service or, at the option of the court and community service worker, allow individuals to pay a portion of their fine by doing community service.

#### **4. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 18 REFERRALS FROM CIRCUIT COURT.**

No referrals are made from circuit court.

The Sharp County District Court is a local district court and will not transition to a state district court until January 1, 2021.

#### **Digital Audio Recording Equipment**

Digital audio recording equipment is not utilized.

#### **5. SPECIALTY COURTS.**

No specialty courts are conducted.

#### **6. OTHER PROGRAMS OR DOCKETS.**

The following programs or dockets are administered:

<b>Name of Program or Docket</b>	<b>Location</b>
Community Service Program	Ash Flat Department
Community Service Program	Cherokee Village Department

a. Type of other program or docket and description of its operation:

Individuals charged with a criminal offense or traffic offense may be given specific sentences including a certain amount of day(s) of community service. At the option the court and community

service worker, the individual may be allowed to pay a portion of their fine by doing community service.

b. Statutory or legal authority on which it is based:

A.C.A. §5-4-322 District Court – Probation – Fees and Fines Authorized

c. Certification of compliance with all applicable sentencing laws, including assessment, collection and remittance of fines, fees, court costs, probation fees.

The presiding judge certifies this court is in compliance with all applicable sentencing laws, including assessment, collection and remittance of fines, fees, court costs, probation fees.

d. Use of court resources.

The court utilizes community service supervisors in the Ash Flat Department and the Cherokee Village Department.

e. Sources of funding:

This program is funded through the budgets for Ash Flat, Cherokee Village and Sharp County.

**7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Administrative Plan is effective January 1, 2020.

  
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Judge

Dated: 1-6-2020