**Parties are encouraged to appear in-person for all hearings and court matters.** The Court has found in-person appearances to be best as parties can easily communicate with each other and the Court. All courtrooms are routinely sanitized & masks are available upon request.

**Virtual appearances are also available using Web Ex. Please use the following Meeting IDs:**

**MONTEZUMA COUNTY** DISTRICT COURT CIVIL CASES - **Meeting ID 2592 401 1435**

**DOLORES COUNTY** DISTRICT COURT CIVIL CASES - **Meeting ID 2598 397 5243**

 **[NOTE - Dependency & Neglect cases from both counties will use Meeting ID 2592 401 1435]**

**A party may appear virtually in all civil cases after receiving permission from the court.** Audio or video recording is strictly prohibited. Virtual appearances may be allowed without prior Court permission when based on unforeseen circumstances such as inclement weather or illness. Parties are encouraged to notify Court staff prior to hearing.

**Parties who regularly appear in Courtroom/Division 4 may seek standing orders to appear remotely for specific case types and hearings.**

**The Court has discretion to require in-person appearances for any reason.** After receiving a request for a virtual appearance, the Court may choose to require in-person proceedings if:

* The Court determines, on a hearing-by-hearing basis, that the in-person appearance of a party or witness would materially assist in the determination of the proceeding, or in the management or resolution of the case.
* A party opposes the request and asserts reasons why remote testimony or appearances should not be allowed. Parties shall file their opposition within seven days of the original request or demonstrate good cause or unforeseen circumstances for a late filing.
* The quality of technology or sound is preventing or inhibiting any of the following:
	+ The Court’s effective management or resolution of the matter.
	+ Counsel’s ability to provide effective representation.
	+ The Court’s ability to maintain an accurate record; or
	+ An interpreter’s ability to provide language services.