

JUDICIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM COMMITTEE

December 6th, 2019
10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
AOC Office, SeaTac WA

Minutes

Members Present:

Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst, Chair
Judge Scott K. Ahlf
Ms. Mindy Breiner
Judge Jeanette Dalton – Phone
Judge John Hart - Phone
Mr. Rich Johnson
Judge J. Robert Leach
Mr. Frank Maiocco
Ms. Barb Miner
Chief Brad Moericke - Phone
Ms. Paulette Revoir - Phone
Mr. David Reynolds - Phone
Judge David Svaren
Mr. Bob Taylor
Ms. Margaret Yetter

Members Absent:

Ms. Dawn Marie Rubio
Mr. Jon Tunheim

AOC Staff Present:

Mr. Kevin Ammons
Mr. Kevin Cottingham
Ms. Vicky Cullinane
Ms. Vonnie Diseth
Mr. Curtis Dunn
Mr. Brian Elvin
Mr. Scotty Jackson
Mr. Sriram Jayarama – Phone
Ms. Hayley Keithahn
Mr. Mike Keeling
Mr. Dirk Marler
Mr. Dexter Mejia
Ms. Dory Nicpon
Mr. Ramsey Radwan
Ms. Cat Robinson

Guests Present:

Ms. Claire Bradley
Justice Barbara Madsen
Mr. Allen Mills
Ms. Heidi Percy
Judge Brian Tollefson – Phone
Ms. Beth Baldwin
Mr. Enrique Kuttemplon
Judge Donna Tucker
Mr. Othniel Palomino

Call to Order

Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst called the Judicial Information System Committee (JISC) meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and introductions were made.

Meeting Minutes

Chief Justice Fairhurst noted a duplicate member vote in two decision points and asked for the record to be corrected. She asked if there were any other changes or amendments to the minutes and hearing none, deemed them approved.

JIS Budget Update

Mr. Ramsey Radwan reported on the 19-21 budget and referred to the green sheet in the meeting materials. At the moment there isn't much to report with everything going according to plan. The detailed budget allocations have been completed but may be adjusted over the next few months as needed. Mr. Radwan alerted the Committee that there is not a supplemental budget going through the 2020 session, and he does not foresee anything to impact it for the time being.

Legislative Update

Ms. Dory Nicpon gave an update on the 2020 legislative session.

The 2020 legislative session is scheduled to be sixty days long, beginning on January 13, 2020. If additional time is needed for the Legislature to conclude vital business, then special session(s) can be convened in thirty-day increments.

The Legislature will likely have extensive debate about transportation and local finance as a result of additional cost associated with remediation of fish passage barriers (estimated at \$3.7 billion), and reduced revenue following passage of Initiative 976. The passage of Initiative 976, which changes state vehicle taxes and fees, and modifies certain local authority to impose a vehicle fee and motor vehicle excise tax, is estimated to reduce revenue in the next six years by \$1.9 billion for the state and \$2.3 billion for local governments. On November 6, 2019, Governor Jay Inslee directed the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to postpone transportation projects not yet underway. The House Transportation Committee added the topic of "Initiative 976: Potential budgetary implications" to its work session agenda for November 21, 2019.

Legislative Topics of Interest to the Judiciary in 2020

Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Protective Arrangements Act (UGA): Chapter 437, laws of 2019, changes Washington's statutes relating to guardianship to align substantially with the UGA. During the legislative interim, the prime sponsor of the new law, Senator Jamie Pedersen, convened several listening and work sessions for developing a "trailer bill" to adjust the new law.

Mental/Behavioral Health: Several new laws passed during the 2019 session concern mental and behavioral health issues, increasing demand for mental health services, opioid use disorder, and the Trueblood settlement. Representatives from trial court associations and the AOC participate on the General Advisory Committee for the Trueblood Settlement Executive Committee. The on-going legislative discussion of these topics has expanded to include interest in therapeutic courts and sentencing options.

Topics of Recurring BJA Engagement with the Legislature

The BJA has discussed concerns and collaborated with public policy makers regarding amendments to legislation where the bill language under debate raised concerns related to the administration of justice, including: judicial independence/separation of powers; courts should not be revenue collectors; and judicial branch entities should not be funded by fees.

Tribute to Chief Justice Fairhurst

A tribute to Chief Justice Fairhurst was given by Judge J. Robert Leach and Ms. Vonnie Diseth.

JIS Priority Project #1 (ITG102): CLJ-CMS Project Update

Ms. Cat Robinson presented the update on the CLJ-CMS project. Ms. Robinson updated the Committee on the activities of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) and their decision on e-Filing. It was decided that e-Filing will be implemented first with the case management system (CMS) to follow for courts and probation offices. One major advantage of this approach is that the state will be getting documents electronically much earlier than expected. This will reduce the need to scan those court documents later as customers will be filing them electronically for some time before the CMS is implemented. Ms. Robinson discussed the rationale for the tentative selection of the pilot courts, consisting of Pierce District, Tacoma Municipal, Gig Harbor, and Fircrest/Ruston courts. This selection included courts that are in relative close proximity to each other, along with ease of access from AOC, and included courts with large complex caseloads, courts with multiple jurisdictions, and smaller courts. Discussion was held on Tyler's meeting with the Steering Committee where they answered questions on the deployment plan, e-Filing, general CMS questions, as well as questions regarding Tyler Supervision. Current estimates have the project rollout taking sixty-four months. Ms. Robinson stated the PSC voted unanimously to recommend continued contract negotiations with Tyler, starting in January.

Mr. Larry Barker stepped down from the CLJ-CMS PSC in November 2019. The decision point regarding his replacement is as follows:

Motion: Ms. Paulette Revoir

I move that the JISC approve the appointment of Kristine Nisco to represent the Misdemeanant Probation Association (MPA) on the CLJ-CMS Project Steering Committee.

Second: Chief Brad Moericke

Voting in Favor: Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst, Judge Scott K. Ahlf, Ms. Mindy Breiner, Judge Jeanette Dalton, Judge John Hart, Mr. Rich Johnson, Judge J. Robert Leach, Mr. Frank Maiocco, Ms. Barb Miner, Chief Brad Moericke, Ms. Paulette Revoir, Mr. David Reynolds, Judge David Svaren, Mr. Bob Taylor, Ms. Margaret Yetter

Opposed: None

Absent: Ms. Dawn Marie Rubio, Mr. Jon Tunheim

The motion was passed.

JIS Data Standards

Mr. Scotty Jackson gave an update on the JIS Data Standards. Mr. Jackson began by letting the Committee know the current Data Standards were last approved October 24, 2014. Mr. Jackson stated these were the data standards for alternative local courts records systems. Previously, the JISC had provisionally approved the Expedited Date Exchange (EDE) Steering Committee to make changes to those data standards to get King County Clerk's Office (KCCO) as well as King County District Court's

(KCDC) case management systems to work with the Enterprise Data Repository (EDR). Mr. Jackson explained the many changes made to the JIS Data Standards, with the focus being on a successful integration with KCCO's system to the EDR going live on July 15, 2019. Some of the changes included the addition of standard elements, definition clarification/updates, and the addition of improved data examples. Mr. Jackson explained they have been working on maintenance and operations to ensure KCCO's system works well with EDR, as well as monitoring the statewide impact for those parties needing to see King County data. In addition to KCCO maintenance and operations, AOC is ramping up efforts to work with KCDC and their integration to the EDR sometime next year. It was asked if there was a document that contained the data elements making up the JIS Data Standards. Mr. Jackson replied that due to the document length, the entire data standards were only posted online with the meeting materials and not included in the printed meeting materials. However, there is a document included in the packet that lists and describes the major changes that were made. After further discussion the Committee voted on both decision points:

Motion: Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst

I move to approve the JIS Data Standards for Local Automated Court Record Systems (Data Standards) version 2.0.6 with all changes that have been approved by the Expedited Data Exchange (EDE) Project Steering Committee through the process previously approved by the JISC.

Second: Judge Scott K. Ahlf

Voting in Favor: Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst, Judge Scott K. Ahlf, Ms. Mindy Breiner, Judge Jeanette Dalton, Judge John Hart, Mr. Rich Johnson, Judge J. Robert Leach, Mr. Frank Maiocco, Ms. Barb Miner, Chief Brad Moericke, Ms. Paulette Revoir, Mr. David Reynolds, Judge David Svaren, Mr. Bob Taylor, Ms. Margaret Yetter

Opposed: None

Absent: Ms. Dawn Marie Rubio, Mr. Jon Tunheim

The motion passed as written.

Motion: Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst

I move to allow AOC, in concert with King County District Court, to continue the interim process for approving updates to the JIS Data Standards through completion of the onboarding of King County District Court to the AOC Enterprise Data Repository (EDR).

Second: Judge Scott K. Ahlf

Voting in Favor: Chief Justice Mary Fairhurst, Judge Scott K. Ahlf, Ms. Mindy Breiner, Judge Jeanette Dalton, Judge John Hart, Mr. Rich Johnson, Judge J. Robert Leach, Mr. Frank Maiocco, Ms. Barb Miner, Chief Brad Moericke, Ms. Brooke Powell, Ms. Paulette Revoir, Judge David Svaren, Mr. Bob Taylor, Ms. Margaret Yetter

Opposed: None

Absent: Ms. Dawn Marie Rubio, Mr. Jon Tunheim

The motion passed as written.

Data Dissemination Committee Report (DDC)

Judge Leach reported there was a short meeting regarding an issue about Odyssey and sealed cases. The DDC received notification from Tyler that the estimated cost to fix the issue was \$388,000. Currently, AOC is looking into an alternative solution where the fix could be included in the contract negotiations for the CLJ-CMS project. This alternative solution would mean the fix for the superior courts would not be available until the CLJ-CMS project begins their roll out, unless Tyler is able to provide it earlier.

Board for Judicial Administration Report (BJA)

Chief Justice Fairhurst reminded the Committee that the BJA minutes are contained in the JISC packet behind Tab 7.

Adjournment

Chief Justice Fairhurst announced to the Committee that Justice Debra Stephens has been chosen by the Supreme Court to be the next Chief Justice and will be sworn in on January 6th, 2020. In addition, the governor announced Judge Raquel Montoya-Lewis was his pick as the new justice of the Supreme Court. This will be the last JISC Meeting for Chief Justice Fairhurst. Chief Justice Fairhurst introduced Justice Barbara Madsen, who will be taking over as chair of the JISC.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be February 28th, 2020, at the AOC SeaTac Facility from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Action Items

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