JUDICIAL INFORMATION SYSTEM COMMITTEE

February 23, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Online Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Members Present:
Justice Barbara A. Madsen, Chair
Judge John Hart, Vice-Chair
Ms. Mindy Breiner
Judge Valerie Bouffiou
Mr. Joseph Brusic
Mr. Derek Byrne
Mr. Donald Graham
Ms. Stephanie Kraft
Mr. Frank Maiocco
Judge David Mann
Chief Brad Moericke
Judge Robert Olson
Ms. Paulette Revoir
Ms. Dawn Marie Rubio
Ms. Margaret Yetter
Judge Allyson Zipp

Members Absent:
Ms. Heidi Percy

AOC Staff Present:
Mr. Scott Ahlf
Mr. Kevin Ammons
Ms. Vonnie Diseth
Mr. Rob Eby
Mr. Arsenio Escudero
Mr. Jamie Kambich
Mr. Mike Keeling
Ms. Aryn Nonamaker
Ms. Anya Prozora
Mr. Chris Stanley
Mr. Garret Tanner

Guests Present:
Mr. Allen Mills
Ms. Tammie Ownbey
Mr. Chris Shambro

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Call to Order, Approval of Meeting Minutes & JISC Member Recognitions

Justice Barbara Madsen called the Judicial Information System Committee (JISC) meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. This meeting was held virtually on Zoom.

The Committee welcomed new member Ms. Stephanie Kraft, who represents the Washington Association of Juvenile Court Administrators (WAJCA). Ms. Kraft is the Superior and Juvenile Court Administrator for Whatcom County and succeeds Mr. Dave Reynolds, who retired in December 2023, on the JISC.

Justice Madsen asked if there were any changes or additions to be made to the October 27, 2023 meeting minutes. Hearing none, the meeting minutes were approved as written.

JIS Budget Update

Mr. Chris Stanley gave a brief update on the JIS budget. The proposed budgets from the House of Representatives and the Senate have been released. The House budget covers all of the items AOC requested except the funding for the continuance of the OnBase maintenance contract (the OnBase application is used by the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals). The Senate budget covered all requested items except funding for the ACORDS replacement study (ACORDS is also used by the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals). Both budgets included funding for the Person Records Management analysis, and all other IT-related requests.

Mr. Stanley also mentioned some fiscal news relating to HB 2384 – Traffic Safety Cameras. The court system was left off of the fiscal note request for this bill, and as the other parties who were included reported there should be no real fiscal impact, the bill was fast-tracked for passage. AOC just recently was able to analyze and size the bill, and determined there would be a significant fiscal impact of about $800,000. Mr. Stanley stated that he met with Rep. Brandy Donaghy this morning to apprise her of this.

Mr. Stanley added that the four-year outlook is "grim" with respect to revenue and inflation costs. The maintenance level of the budget is expected to "balloon" over the next two years, and is going to present some challenges, particularly to the next biennial budget. Mr. Stanley will provide further details on this matter at future JISC meetings as AOC works through the biennial budget request process.

Legislative Update

Ms. Dawn Marie Rubio gave a brief update on the ongoing 2024 Legislative session, and highlighted request legislation that has an impact on the judicial branch, including: requests for a new judgeship and a statutory commissioner in Whatcom County Superior (both of which would be to assist with the water rights adjudication filed by the Department of Ecology), a new judgeship for Clark Superior, notice of court reorganization, Supreme Court bailiff information-sharing, and a bill concerning court interpreters.

Mr. Kevin Ammons briefed the Committee on a current bill with potential impacts to JIS systems: HB 2384 (Traffic Safety Cameras). This bill allows the use of traffic cameras in towns with 10,000 residents. From a JIS systems point-of-view, this bill would allow for 60-80 new courts to start implementing various types of traffic camera, red light camera, and other vehicle-related violations. These changes would require a significant number of changes in law tables within AOC systems, AOC would need to manage all of the law tables from the additional new jurisdictions, and there would be many changes to accounting systems. Given the vast amount of work to onboard these new jurisdictions and make all of the necessary changes, this process could take some years to complete. As Mr. Stanley previously mentioned, the fiscal impact is estimated to be around $800,000. Ms. Rubio added that dollar amount also includes an estimated 4,000 programing hours. At this time, the implementation date set by the Legislature is 90 days after the bill is signed. Ms. Rubio and Mr. Ammons stressed that that short of a timeframe is not feasible. AOC is requesting an extension be given for implementation of this bill should it be passed.

JIS Priority Project #1 (ITG 102): Courts of Limited Jurisdiction – Case Management System (CLJ-CMS)

CLJ-CMS Project Update

Mr. Garret Tanner provided an update on the CLJ-CMS project. As mentioned in the previous JISC meeting, CLJ-CMS successfully went live with Tacoma Municipal Court (TMC) in late October 2023. The court continues to thrive in the new system; the project team continues to work with the court on any issues that arise, and gather lessons learned from their go-live which will then be applied to future go-lives with other courts. The project continues to work with Fircrest-Ruston Municipal Court in preparation for their go-live on March 18, 2024. CLJ-CMS also continues to engage with Gig Harbor

Municipal following their decision to step down as a pilot court, and are negotiating whether they can be included in the next phase of the project.

Mr. Tanner briefed the Committee on the updated project approach, which consists of three priorities: (1) onboard as many courts as possible; (2) extend implementation to include a district court (civil case types) and a formal probation department; and (3) plan for future deployment of Enterprise Justice 2024 and GR 15 functionality. The project intends to on-board ten courts in their early adopter implementation later in 2024; AOC is currently finalizing criteria and will begin soliciting courts to join the early adopter phase. Mr. Tanner then gave details on recent eFiling and CMS activities, project outreach, and other work in progress; he then highlighted updates to the project issues and risks.

Quality Assurance Assessment Report
Mr. Allen Mills, with the project's QA vendor Bluecrane, provided an overview of the January QA Assessment Report for the CLJ-CMS project. The full report can be found in the JISC meeting packet.

Data Dissemination Committee (DDC) Report

Judge John Hart provided an update on the work of the Data Dissemination Committee, which met earlier today. Meeting details and decisions can be found in the DDC minutes on the Washington Courts website.

Meeting Wrap Up & Adjournment

Justice Madsen adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be April 26, 2024, via Zoom from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Action Items

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