Judicial Committee on Information Technology
March 4, 2022 – Office of Court Administration/Zoom

Meeting Minutes

I. **Call to Order**

Mr. Wessels called the meeting to order at 10:04AM.

<u>Voting Members Present</u>

Rebecca Simmons (virtual)
Bob Wessels
David Escamilla (virtual)
Honorable Roy Ferguson (virtual)
Honorable Dan Hinde
Honorable Laura Hinojosa (virtual)
Honorable Brian Quinn (virtual)
Todd Smith
Carlos Soltero (virtual)
Dennis Van Metre
Honorable John Warren (virtual)
Ed Wells (virtual)

<u>Non-Voting Members Present</u>
Honorable Jeffrey Boyd
Honorable David Canales (virtual)
Doug Gowin (virtual)
Jessica Griffith (virtual)
Tracy Hopper
Karen Miller
Honorable Velva Price (virtual)
Honorable Russ Ridgway (virtual)
Honorable Nancy Rister (virtual)
Sian Schilhab (virtual)
Honorable David Stith (virtual)
Mark Unger (virtual)

<u>OCA Staff</u>

Casey Kennedy, Director, Information Services

<u>Others Present</u>

Evan Acosta, Tyler Technologies
Terry Derrick, Tyler Technologies
Jamie Gillespie, Tyler Technologies

Chirs Ricci, Tyler Technologies
Brad Weems, Williamson County
David Wilms,

I. **Meeting Minutes from previous meeting**

Motion to adopt the meeting minutes from the previous JCIT meeting in November 2021 by **Dennis VanMetre**. Seconded by **John Warren**. **Motion carried with no objections.**

II. **Program Updates**

A. **eFileTexas/re:SearchTX/Guide and File**

Mr. Terry Derrick with Tyler Technologies gave an update on the programs. He indicated that volume continues to grow with filings and users as well. He reported additional utilization of the redaction tool.

Mr. Derrick gave an update on the implementation of funding changes around SB41, including additional transactions present due to the splitting of funds at the state level.

Mr. Derrick then gave an update on the movement of the program from Tyler's on-prem datacenter to the government cloud.

He then gave an update on the eFile2.0 project and the four phases and where they are in the process. Mr. Derrick then presented the eFile Analytics solution to the committee and the ability for it to show the metrics that the committee is interested in.

The committee spoke to the need of orders needing to be included in re:SearchTX. Terry reported that currently 39 counties are fully integrated and have orders in the system. Mr. Kennedy reported that with all the counties on the list for the UCMS project, additional counties will come on soon.

B. **Update on Uniform Case Management System (UCMS)**

Mr. Casey Kennedy with the Office of Court Administration provided an updated on the UCMS. Two awarded vendors are currently working on implementing their early adopter counties. Once the early adopter county comes aboard, each vendor has identified additional counties that would like to take advantage of UCMS.

II. Subcommittee Updates

A. **Standards Subcommittee**

Mr. Kennedy reported that no additional standards are needed, however a technical correction will be made to the current version to mirror what Tyler Technologies has implemented for copies.

B.   Orders in re:SearchTX subcommittee

Carlos Soltero provided an update of the committee. He mentioned that the subcommittee is working on the process flow of proposed orders to make things run more smoothly. Mr. Soltero reviewed methods that would allow orders into re:SearchTX and the proposed rules from the subcommittee that would support those methods.

The full committee gave feedback to the subcommittee on proposed rules. The committee identified the need to make the process of judges returning signed orders to the clerk in a consistent way.

The subcommittee committed to continuing work on the issue.

III. New Business

A. **Discussion/possible recommendation regarding the Automated Certificate of Service**
   Mr. Kennedy reported that no progress had been made, but the orders subcommittee that is working on the proposed order process will meet and discuss Mr. Hawthorne's concerns prior to the next JCIT meeting.

B. **Discussion/possible recommendation regarding the flow of Sealed documents through the eFiling system.**
   At the previous JCIT meeting, Justice Simmons requested that the group research the process the federal courts use for sealed documents. Judge Hinde reported in the federal system, parties must electronically file a motion to electronically file a sealed document. Then once the judge grants the motion, which usually happens if the other party doesn't object, then the sealed document can be electronically filed.

C. **Discussion/possible recommendation regarding free access to re:SearchTX for certain groups.**
   David Escamilla reminded the committee that in a previous meeting a subcommittee brought forth points on allowing law students from public institutions that requested it to have free public-level access to re:SearchTX. After discussion, Mr. Wessels suggested the group get together prior to the next JCIT meeting to continue the discussion.

IV. Adjourn

Justice Simmons adjourned the meeting at 11:41A.M. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2022.