

**Judicial Committee on Information Technology  
January 14, 2021 - Zoom**

**Meeting Minutes**

**I. Call to Order**

Bob Wessels called the meeting to order at 10:01A.M.

Voting Members Present

Honorable Rebecca Simmons  
Bob Wessels  
David Escamilla  
Honorable Laura Hinojosa  
Honorable Missy Medary  
Cynthia Orr  
Honorable Brian Quinn  
Todd Smith  
Dean Stanzione  
Carlos Soltero  
Dennis Van Metre  
Honorable John Warren

Non-Voting Members Present

Honorable Jeff Boyd  
Miles Brissette  
Doug Gowin  
Jessica Griffith  
Roland Johnson  
Honorable Nancy Rister  
Sian Schilhab  
David Slayton  
Tracy Hopper  
Honorable Jennifer Lindenzweig  
Honorable Velva Price  
Honorable Russ Ridgway  
Honorable Ralph Swearingin  
Mark Unger  
Honorable Kevin Yeary

OCA Staff

Casey Kennedy, Director, Information Services

## Others Present

Evan Acosta, Tyler Technologies  
Terry Derrick, Tyler Technologies  
Matt Veigl, Tyler Technologies  
Chris Ricci, Tyler Technologies

### **I. Program Updates**

#### **A. eFileTexas/re:SearchTX/Guide and File – 2020 in review**

Terry Derrick with Tyler Technologies presented an update on the eFile system and trends seen during the pandemic. He reported that despite a decrease in filings through the pandemic, the clerk's offices continue to perform filing reviews at the same level they did prior to the pandemic.

#### **B. eFileTexas 2.0**

Mr. Kennedy reported that OCA had concluded its efforts to identify the next eFiling system vendor that would continue eFiling after the current contract expires on August 31, 2022. He announced that Tyler Technologies had been awarded the eFileTexas 2.0 project and that eFiling would continue until at least August 31, 2027.

Mr. Kennedy reported that the project will implement several new features including ECF 5, provide data analytics through Tyler's newly acquired company. He mentioned that OCA was evaluating whether or not to apply for an extension to avoid switching payment processors.

#### **C. Update on Uniform Case Management System (UCMS)**

Mr. Kennedy spoke about the intent of the UCMS being for rural counties and included integrations with eFile, re:SearchTX, and DPS criminal history. David Slayton also raised the point that the RFO published anticipates a multi-vendor solution to promote competition and provide rural clerks with a choice.

Judge Ridgway asked if there was ever an intent for the system to make its way to the larger counties. Mr. Kennedy clarified that the focus was on rural counties and that the system requirements were geared to those counties and that larger counties may not want to adopt the system.

#### **D. JCIT Cybersecurity subcommittee**

Dennis Van Metre briefed the committee on current cybersecurity threats. He reported that the subcommittee met and identified the need to find out what kinds of processes are already in place in the counties. Justice Simmons asked Mr. Van Metre to present additional cybersecurity threats at the next meeting.