

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
MEETING MINUTES

10:00AM – 12:00PM – October 28, 2016
Texas Association of Counties

I. Call to Order

Justice Simmons called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

JCIT Members:

Chair, Justice Rebecca Simmons
Vice-Chair, Bob Wessels
David Escamilla
Honorable Woody Gossom Jr. (*phone*)
Honorable Dan Hinde
Roland Johnson (*phone*)
Honorable Brian Quinn
Dennis Van Metre
Honorable John Warren
Ed Wells
Honorable Sheri Woodfin

JCIT Liaison Members:

Miles Brissette (*phone*)
Honorable Jeffery Boyd
Honorable Anne Marie Carruth (*phone*)
Randy Chapman (*phone*)
Honorable Hilda Cuthbertson (*phone*)
Honorable Annie Elliot
Honorable Roy Ferguson (*phone*)
Doug Gowin (*phone*)
Honorable Blake Hawthorne
Honorable Laura Hinojosa (*phone*)
Tracy Hopper
Gary Hutton
Honorable Sasha Kelton (*phone*)
Cynthia Orr (*phone*)
Honorable Velva Price
Honorable Nancy Rister
Sian Schilhab
Michelle Spencer
Mark Unger
Honorable Kevin Yeary

Others in attendance:

Armando Balderrama, iDocket
Pat Barsalou, Office of Attorney General
Terry Derrick, Tyler Technologies (*phone*)
Danikae Doetsch, Travis County
Ben Giannantano (*phone*)
Dane Hess, Travis County
Jeanine Hudson, DPS (*phone*)
Victor Jauregui, Travis County
Diane Laywell, Travis County
Laurelea Lindquist, Tyler Technologies
Anita Ootus, Travis County
Steve Schenk, Prodoc
Louis Sellers, Office of Attorney General
Tonya Watson, Travis County

Office of Court Administration Staff:

Casey Kennedy, Director, Information Services
Susan Chamberlain, Deputy Director, Information Services

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 29, 2016

Motion to approve minutes made by Honorable Brian Quinn and seconded by Bob Wessels.

Motion carries.

III. Committee/Workgroup Reports

A. eFileTexas Civil/Criminal update

Tyler shared that since June the criminal eFiling rollout has been following the same schedule as civil. They reported that with criminal extra data elements need to be collected in initial filings. Tyler reminded JCIT that additional time may be needed with CMS vendors in order for them to consume the new data elements with initial criminal filings. John Warren stated that Dallas county has the additional challenge of implementing a new criminal CMS at the same time the criminal eFiling mandate goes into effect. Harris county also expressed difficulty in meeting the Court of Criminal Appeals mandate.

Sian Schilhab clarified that the mandate hasn't been changed to include initiating instruments so didn't feel that extensions should be asked for something not mandated yet. Justice Simmons recommendation is to wait for the January meeting and see where we are at that point. If additional information is available sooner a meeting can be held.

Tyler reported that there are currently 67 counties live, 12 in progress (about 25% of state). Mr. Kennedy reminded Tyler to keep OCA updated early and often about any concerns or

challenges the counties may have. He noted that we're in a better shape (more counties) in the rollout than at the same time on civil.

Tyler reported that every county is now integrated in Guide and File. Pro-se filers can now eFile directly instead of printing and filing. There are seven interviews currently available with Texas legal services anticipated to provide 100 more in the next two years. Mark Unger asked for a commitment from JCIT that the interviews be properly vetted before let out to the wild. Justice Simmons shared that Randy Chapman was tasked to do the forms and she would facilitate a meeting to discuss.

B. Standards Committee

Bob Wessels shared that the committee is receiving comments and requests for changes until December 1st. Currently focused on requests to evaluate preferred practices.

C. Re:SearchTX Committee

Re:SearchTX Committee met the previous Friday, Justice Boyd, Chief Hecht, and as well as several others in the room were in attendance. There are many items to still be decided and fast paced sub-committees will work on the various issues. Expected status updates from the sub-committees in the January meeting.

IV. Old Business

A. Update on eService email as part of bar registration (Hawthorne)

Tyler and OCA continue to work together and Mr. Kennedy reminded the group that the file could be made available to the counties and CMS vendors.

Blake Hawthorne brought up the concerns that only one email address is allowed at a time and issues with attorneys that are pro hac vice. He will look at the practice of those attorneys at the trial court level and report back in January.

Tracy Hopper had a concern about clerks with that are attorneys. Justice Simmons asked to follow-up with whether a clerk can practice law or not.

V. Open Discussion

Justice Simmons would like Tyler Technologies to bring numbers regarding filing rejections to the January meeting for discussion.

Noted that the because of the amount of material to cover consensus is that a longer meeting is needed. Suggestion is the meeting will run 10am-2pm with a quick break for lunch.

Justice Simmons adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.