

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
MEETING MINUTES

10:00AM – 12:00PM – August 29, 2017
Texas Association of Counties

I. Call to Order

Justice Simmons called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. (Followed by a moment of silence.)

JCIT Voting Members:

Chair, Justice Rebecca Simmons
Vice-Chair, Bob Wessels
David Escamilla
Honorable Brian Quinn (*phone*)
Dean Stanzione (*phone*)
Dennis Van Metre (*phone*)
Honorable John Warren (*phone*)
Honorable Sheri Woodfin (*phone*)

JCIT Liaison Members:

Honorable Jeffrey Boyd
Laura Garcia
Doug Gowin (*phone*)
Tracy Hopper (*phone*)
Gary Hutton
Cynthia Orr (*phone*)
Honorable Velva Price
Sian Schilhab
David Slayton
Michelle Spencer (*phone*)
Honorable Kevin Yeary

Others in attendance:

Renda Abraham, FileNServeExpress (*phone*)
Terry Derrick, Tyler Technologies
Amanda Flack, Tyler Technologies
Charles Gray, Conference of Urban Counties
Elaine Hosage, Travis County
Victor Jauregui, Travis County
Warda Kahn, FileNServeExpress (*phone*)
Heather Kellum, Travis County
Michael S. Lang, TDI
Laurelea Lindquist, Tyler Technologies
Dallas Osborn, Netdata
Mark Schwartz, OneLegal (*phone*)

Honorable Caroline Woodburn, District Clerk, Potter County (*phone*)

Office of Court Administration Staff:

Casey Kennedy, Director, Information Services

Susan Chamberlain, Deputy Director, Information Services

Mena Ramon, General Counsel

Scott Griffith, Director, Court Services

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Postponed until next meeting due to lack of quorum

III. Committee/Workgroup Reports

A. eFileTexas Civil/Criminal Update

Laurelea Lindquist shared that since the July 1, 2017 mandate the number of registered users increased between 15,000 and 16,000 and the number of envelopes per day has increased by 1500 per day.

Counties continue to reach out to go forward with Criminal filings.

Out of the counties that have not been engaged many of them our rural counties that have been printing their civil filings and do not have a case management system that will integrate with eFiling. They most likely do not have the resources to move forward. Counties around El Paso are finding that the printing, scanning, and filing are causing a bigger problem. Judge Ferguson asked for those counties to be contacted and educated.

Guide & File has fourteen interviews in pilot phase, when pilot is completed they will be mapped into the technology standards and implemented statewide. David Slayton mentioned that SB1911 will help get the word about Guide & File (self-help) out to the public.

Ms. Lindquist and Mr. Slayton gave a brief synopsis of Tyler's newly acquired online dispute resolution company called Modria. Mr. Slayton explained that this is in the very early phases but that there are options to explore. Mr. Slayton asked if it were possible to have a presentation on ODR at the next meeting.

Mr. Slayton discussed the performance during and after Hurricane Harvey by using technology. Several counties were seen in the eFiling system processing filings both during and after the hurricane. He also commented on Aransas County where the courthouse is destroyed. Staff worked with donated OCA laptops to get to their cloud-based case management system to continue operations.

The group discussed the need for continuing education for eFiling. Justice Simmons recommends collaborating with the large law groups.

B. Standards Committee

Due to the lack of quorum, no new standards were passed.

C. Re:SearchTX Committee

Terry Derrick with Tyler gave a status and a brief overview of how Tyler is currently working to formalize the process for pilots and a plan for the general release to the Clerks and Attorneys of Record. General release no earlier than January 2018.

The group asked about integrating counties that are not Tyler Odyssey counties. Mr. Derrick reported that despite reaching out to non-Tyler counties, no county has accepted being a pilot for Re:SearchTX

IV. Open Discussion

Justice Simmons thanked the current members and summarized the plan for the upcoming year. She stated that the primary focus will be:

- Refine and cleanup bugs and processing issues on the eFiling front.
- Re:SearchTX
- Standards updates

Justice Simmons adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.