

**Electronic Filing Committee
E-Filing Finance Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2009**

Subcommittee Members Present:

Steve Grieb, Co-chair	Gordon Lansford, Co-chair
Hon. James Fleetwood (via conference call)	Mary Kadel (via conference call)
Virginia Taylor	

E-Filing Committee Members Present:

Justice Marla Luckert	Kelly O'Brien
Steve Berndsen	M.J. Willoughby

Others Attending:

Allie Johnson – Courthouse News Service

General Discussion:

- I. Update on any discussions of e-filing experiences in other states.
 - a. Time duration for development and installation of their e-filing systems.
 - b. Costs to develop and install same.
 - c. Possible funding sources.

Gordon reported that we may be one of the first states to implement statewide e-filing. He will put together a spreadsheet with more information for future meetings.

- II. Discuss August 3, 2009, visit to Johnson County regarding its e-filing system.

It was requested that the portal created for e-filing conform to Johnson County's system. The people in Johnson County did express concern regarding the fee structure or charging a fee. They are not in favor of charging fees. They will be ready to do a pilot on foreclosure with a handful of law firms sometime in April. After that is completed, they will continue with other limited action cases. It was mentioned that their JIMS system was custom built. Once the original paperwork is filed the rest of the process is completely electronic. Attorneys should be able to go to one portal to do their filing no matter where they're located in the state.

- III. Review discussions with county commissioners or the board of county commissioners concerning the project.

Don Troth was unable to attend the meeting so this will be discussed at a later date.

- IV. Update on Shawnee County discussions on the possibility of starting to use the FullCourt system.

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- V. Review of actual and potential grants – Byrne, KU Law, etc.

Justice Luckert reported that we did receive the Byrne JAG Grant which will be used to pay for committee meetings and to send a group to the Court Technology Conference in Denver in September.

The next grant cycle will probably be coming up in March 2010. It was felt that we will have a good chance of obtaining additional grant funding at that time. Gordon stated that we should be sure to indicate that this will be a multiyear project and that we're applying for "x" amount of money for the first year. He expects that next year the JAG Grant will revert back to where it was in 2005-2007; the five to seven million dollar range.

- VI. Update on the September Denver conference

This conference is for three days and will include a lot of breakout sessions and vendors showing existing systems. Kelly stated this is the best vendor show he's attended. He's asked Steve Berndsen to contact specific vendors about meeting for a short time outside the actual conference hours. Justice Luckert stated she thought the group should come up with a game plan so that the attendees were not trying to cover too much ground and not be able to accomplish what needs to be achieved.

Judge Fleetwood suggested that cell phone numbers should be shared with all those in attendance at the conference and Justice Luckert suggested that the group gather daily for breakfast to discuss what was gleaned at the conference the prior day.

- VII. Discuss e-mail question of Tim Mulcahy (Director of JIMS): "When you get your portal up and running, are you planning on charging the attorneys to E-File? If not, are you going to charge them later down the road?"

It was stated that a single point of access for everyone to use should be created; probably by going to a web address. From there, the user will be asked to log in, authenticate (information on this to be determined later), and go to a pull down menu to choose the case type and county. From there they will be able to enter information and submit it. The information will then go into an e-filing system. The user will be sent notification that their information was processed.

Howard Schwartz, Steve Berndsen, and Kelly met with Jim Hollingsworth from INK this morning to talk about creating a portal in the near future. Jim stated he will meet with people from his agency about this and it can possibly be done before Johnson County is ready to do their pilot. INK will manage all usernames and passwords and be responsible for help desk calls. It is noted that there hasn't been any decision made on user fees.

VIII. General discussion on the next steps of subcommittee.

Steve Grieb said there seems to be a developing consensus to not charge for e-filing, or to charge less for e-filing than for hard-copy filing. Justice Luckert stated that it was too soon to make any decisions regarding that, but some goals need to be established towards reaching an end. The committee might want to start drafting some fee ideas.

It was noted that the federal e-filing system charges users after a document is viewed the first time.

IX. Other Items

There were no other items to be discussed.

X. Determine next meeting date, time, and location.

The next meeting will be on November 6, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. A conference call may be scheduled for a synopsis of the Denver Conference prior to the meeting.