

**Electronic Filing Committee
E-Filing Finance Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2009**

Members Present:

Steve Grieb, Co-chair
Hon. James Fleetwood
Virginia Taylor

Gordon Lansford, Co-chair
Mary Kadel
Don Troth

Others Attending:

Justice Marla Luckert
Deb Hipp – Courthouse News Service

Richard Gannon – Kansas Press Association

General discussion:

Task #1: Determine the start-up and on-going operational costs of the electronic filing system and how these costs would be funded.

Funding the Project?

- Seek Grants in a phased approach
 - Initial start up funding
 - Operational funding (Equipment, Salary)
 - On-Going (Maintenance, Enhancements, Upgrades, Storage)
- Probably will be seeking multiple grants over extended timeframe
- Substantial cost spread over 5-6 years
- Byrne Grant possibility exists for an initial amount
- Criminal Federal funding through Byrne Grants seems to be available to an increasing degree

Task #2: Determine how electronic filers would pay for both traditional filing fees and any additional fees associated with the Electronic Filing System.

How to charge for actual filings?

- ACH/EFT? Credit Cards? Checks? Bill? Combo/all?
- Pay-Pal was also discussed
- May need to discuss EFT with State Treasurer and/or State Banker (is this UMB?)
- Pro Se litigant's need to be considered

- Policy question's need to be decided – e.g.:
 - a. Does E-Filing get covered by a “subscriber charge” paid monthly to users of the “Kansas E-filing Portal”?
 - b. Are charges for e-filing less than for paper filing to encourage e-filing?

"To Do" before next meeting:

1. Gordon will survey contacts at some states regarding their experiences on
 - a. Time duration for development / installation of their e-filing systems
 - b. Their costs to develop / install same
 - c. Possible funding sources
2. Steve and Virginia will contact some states on their filing charge structures and methods used (CC, CK, ACH, EFT, etc.)
3. Don will contact some County Commissioners &/or the Board of County Commissioners concerning the project

Next Meeting: July 9, 2009, 1:00 p.m., OJA Conference Room

Possible Meeting following: August 13, 2009, 1:00 p.m.