Judicial Committee on Information Technology
February 9, 2024 – Texas Association of Counties

Meeting Minutes

I.   **Call To Order**

Justice Simmons called the meeting to order at 10:02AM.

<u>Voting Members Present</u>
Honorable Rebecca Simmons
Bob Wessels
Honorable Lawrence Doss (virtual)
David Escamilla (virtual)
Honorable Roy Ferguson (virtual)
Honorable Dan Hinde
Honorable Laura Hinojosa (virtual)
Tracy Hopper
Todd Smith
Carlos Soltero (virtual)
Dean Stanzione (virtual)
Mark Unger
Honorable John Warren (virtual)
Ed Wells

<u>Non-Voting Members Present</u>
Honorable Michael Cruz
Micheal Cuccaro (virtual)
Doug Gowin (virtual)
Jessica Griffith (virtual)
Honorable Blake Hawthorne
Honorable Patti Henry (virtual)
Roland Johnson (virtual)
Cynthia Orr (virtual)
Honorable Velva Price (virtual)
Honorable Russ Ridgway (virtual)
Sian Schilhab (virtual)
Honorable David Stith (virtual)
Aaron Varner
Jennifer Williams (virtual)
Honorable Deanna Williamson (virtual)
Honorable J.R. Woolley (virtual)

<u>OCA Staff</u>

Casey Kennedy, Director, Information Services

<u>Others Present</u>
Jesus Acevedo (virtual), Fort Bend County
Evan Acosta, Tyler Technologies
Diana Alaniz (virtual), Comal County
Jerod Anderson (virtual), Tyler Technologies
Amelia Balderama, iDocket
Epi Cantu (virtual), Fort Bend County
Terry Derrick, Tyler Technologies
Jamie Gillespie (virtual), Tyler Technologies
Aijaz Hassan, iDocket
Stacey Kemp (virtual), Collin County
Bart Lesniewicz (virtual), Tarrant County
Diana Parsons (virtual), Travis County
Chris Ricci (virtual), Tyler Technologies
Honorable Laura Richard (virtual), Fort Bend County
Steve Schenk, Thompson-Reuters/ProDoc
Honorable Mark Staples (virtual), Anderson County
Stephen Stehling (virtual), Tyler Technologies
David Wilms, Easy Serve

II.   **Meeting Minutes from the Previous meeting**
Motion to approve the minutes from the November 2023 meeting by **Bob Wessels**, seconded by **John Warren**. No opposition. **Motion carried.**

III.   **Program Updates**
Evan Acosta with Tyler Technologies provided an update on the program. Mr. Acosta spoke to the return for correction rate along with the most common case types returned. The committee asked for additional columns to indicate the percentage of cases represented by case type along with the percentage of self-represented litigants in those case types. The committee also asked for a report of return for correction reasons by clerk's office.

Mr. Acosta discussed the Guide and File program and that usage continues to climb. Justice Simmons asked that the standards subcommittee explore the reasons why additional interviews cannot be successfully integrated with eFile.

Mr. Acosta updated the group on re:Search. He indicated the volume of activity is seeing more than a 15% increase from last year. The committee asked for a report on revenue to be broken down by county.

Mr. Acosta then reviewed the program roadmap, discussing the cycle 3 release as well as the upgrade to multi-factor authentication.

IV.   **Subcommittee Updates**
       A. Standards
       Bob Wessels summarized the subcommittee's work in making changes to the Technology
       Standards. Change included adding additional subsequent filings due to legislative fee
       changes. An additional return for correction reason was added to address situations where
       clerks must return eFilings after they had been accepted due to a system error. A section
       was added to describe the security constructs on cases and documents. Definitions and
       permissions were altered to support the inclusion of criminal cases in re:Search. A new
       section on role 5 (Public) permissions was added to include criminal case information,
       but no documents.

       Motion to approve version 8 of the Technology Standards by **Bob Wessels**, seconded by
       Dan Hinde. No opposition. **Motion carried.**

       B. Orders on re:SearchTX
       Todd Smith gave an update on the subcommittee's work. Mr. Smith discussed the three
       recommendations that the subcommittee crafted.

       The committee discussed the recommendations individually and discussed the timeline
       for implementation.

       Justice Boyd made several recommendations to further clarify the recommendations prior
       to adopting them and sending to the Supreme Court for consideration.

       Justice Simmons requested that the subcommittee chairs confer and implement the
       changes suggested by Justice Boyd. The subcommittee chairs agreed and will circulate
       the changes to the committee and request they be adopted by electronic vote once
       complete.

V.   **Adjourn**
       Justice Simmons adjourned the meeting at 12:01PM.