

Minutes
Court Technology Committee
Friday January 20th, 2023
9:15 am

Members Participating:

Hon. Jerod Tufte, Supreme Court Justice
Hon. Rhonda Ehlig, Judge – Southwest Judicial District
Petra Hulm, Chief Deputy Clerk of Supreme Court
Michele Bring, Clerk of District Court – Burleigh County
Kristen Erickson, Recorder – Cass County
Lee Ann Barnhardt, Director of Education & Communication
Susan Hoffer, Clerk of District Court – Ward County
Carolyn Probst, District Court Administrator – Unit 4
Hon. Stacy Louser, Judge – North Central Judicial

Members Absent:

Hon. Lonnie Olson, Judge - Northeast Judicial District
Hon. Robin Schmidt, Judge – Northwest Judicial District

Staff:

John Tassava, Director of Technology
Sally Holewa, State Court Administrator
Cammie Schock, Business Analyst

The meeting was called to order by Chair Justice Tufte.

Approval of Minutes from July 22, 2022 Meeting

Judge Ehlig moved to approve the July 22nd 2022 meeting minutes. Petra Hulm seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Odyssey User Group Update

Ms. Schock reported all individuals who were recommended to fill the vacant seats on the committee have accepted. Additionally, 5 clerks committed to working on the subcommittee. They were able to close out 16 outstanding issues. The full User group then met in December and were able to close out an additional 5 issues as a result, including processes related to Confidential Informants, Marcy's Rights, and Rule 20 Transfers. A request was also approved for an update to the clerk's dashboard to allow for additional information to display. There are roughly 15 pending issues which all have been reviewed and prioritized for continued work.

Odyssey 2019 Upgrade

An updated version of Odyssey was received in late December which was supposed to fix all of our show stoppers. However 2 of those continue to be an issue with the new version. Round 1 testing is in the final stages and there is now a total of 7 show stoppers. Weekly meetings are held with our Tyler account managers and just recently

the Director of Client Success has started joining our calls as well to aid in the escalation and progress of our issues. The goal is to get all of our issues fixed in preview packages so we do not have to wait until another version is released. In conjunction with the new Odyssey upgrade Session Works has to be upgraded. Three show stoppers were previously reported for Session Works. An updated version was received late last week which is currently being tested.

General System Status Updates

Courtroom Wi-Fi and Network Changes

The Wi-Fi project for all of the courtrooms has been completed. There is not a password needed to access it however if someone from the courts wants to use it they will still need to VPN into the network. IT staff have been going out to the counties and labeling network cables and changing network connections so only court equipment can be plugged in. One courtroom remains. Judge Ehlis stressed the importance of uniformity across all of the courtrooms.

Juvenile System Install Update

The initial configuration has been completed for the Tyler Supervision product. Alliance exchange is currently being worked on. This will allow for an exchange of data between Odyssey and Supervision. Odyssey has to be on a 2019 version in order for Alliance to work. Training is planned for April and the go-live is scheduled for the first week of May. Ms. Barnhardt requested the schedule for training the juvenile staff in order for them to receive credit hours.

Software Upgrades

Software has been installed to monitor courtroom computers. If IT is notified that the PC's are off, they notify someone within the courthouse to power them on in order to get the latest updates installed on the machines.

The Indigent Defense application form on ndcourts.gov has been updated to be more reactive on mobile devices. E-warrants has also been updated to include a section for bonds on the probable cause component. Justice Tufte requested a list of counties that are currently using E-warrants. Additionally, a new feature was added to the subscription site to allow for the public to sign up to receive notifications on new filings within individual cases, however, the documents would still need to be obtained from the courthouse. It is currently in a soft go-live stage where several members of the press are signing up for cases. Once that is complete Justice Tufte suggested adding a short article in the newsletter that Mike Hagburg creates as well as in the newsletter for clerks, and possibly an email to judges.

C-Track Project

A kick-off meeting was recently held for the Supreme Court case management replacement project. The project is scheduled to be complete in December 2024.

CyberSecurity

A staff phishing sampling was conducted last fall with an 8.4% click rate. Mandatory staff training was provided. Justice Tufte requested a list of judges who have completed the training to see if it would be beneficial to include this topic in the next judicial conference.

Strategic Plan

Mr. Tassava disbursed a draft strategic planning document prior to the meeting. The committee agreed that a guided session to review the strategic plan would be beneficial. Justice Tufte, Ms. Barnhardt and Mr. Tassava will meet to begin the prep work for a possible planning session in the summer.

Digital Evidence

Mr. Tassava identified two vendors for digital evidence software. He would like to expand the workgroup to 5-7 individuals. It was suggested to have representation from judges, clerks and recorders/reporters. Ms. Holewa stated she attended a CJIS meeting where this was a topic. She suggested including a representative from CJIS to attend any demonstrations. Justice Tufte suggested sending an email seeking volunteers to be a part of the group.

For the Good of the Order

Justice Tufte will be reviewing Administrative Order 9, which this committee was formed under, to potentially remove or change sections from the order.