

COLJ AUTOMATION & ACCOUNTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING,

MARCH 19, 2015

HELENA MONTANA.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Judge Greg Mohr-Richland County Justice-Sidney City Court

Judge Audrey Barger-Hill County Justice Court

Judge Linda Budeski-Park County Justice Court

Judge Jackie Schara-Joliet-Fromberg City Court

Thelma Keys-Nicol-Kalispell Municipal Court

Sharon Skaggs-Yellowstone County Justice Court

Carlin Cameron-Yellowstone County Justice Court-President MJC&MCCA

Tina Schmaus-Missoula Municipal Court

Lisa Mader-Montana Supreme Court Administrator's Office

Claudia Anderson-Montana Supreme Court Administrator's Office

MEMBERS PRESENT BY PHONE

Judge Larry Carver-Judith Basin Justice Court-Stanford City Court-Chairperson

CHAIRPERSON CARVER ANNOUNCED HE WOULD NOT BE PRESENT AND JUDGE MOHR WOULD BE CHAIRING THE MEETING.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 19, 2014 MEETING.

Jackie made a motion and Sharon seconded that the minutes be approved as presented, motion was carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one was present for public comment.

CLAUDIA ANDERSON wanted to clarify something in the October 2014 meeting minutes, the minutes said all of the spare scanners are spoken for and given out, in fact there are still about 30 surplus scanners to be given out to the courts. Claudia thought they had put out 40 to 50 already.

BARB PEPOS-Judge Carver advised that Barb Pepos would be resigning from the committee after 10 plus years of service and wanted to let her know how much she was appreciated for all of the work she put in and always being here. There was a plaque presented to her from the committee. Judge Mohr will deliver it to her. Barb via phone thanked everyone. Judge Mohr said someone could take her place but no one can replace her.

LARRY CARVER UPDATE

Advised there had been an executive decision made by, Beth, Lisa, Larry and Perry Miller, that in order to be a participant on the Judge's list serve, you must be a sitting Judge, on the clerks list serve, you must be a sitting clerk.

Efiling-Workshop coming up next week, draft committee to take a look at the efilings session, workshop held by computer, members will be Larry, Audrey Barger, David Carter, Yellowstone County Justice Court, Sharon Skaggs, Tina Schmaus, Jim Doyle from Blain County Justice/ City Court.

When clerks have training and Judges have training everyone needs to be aware that the data needs to be entered properly. Legislature is looking at statistics for funding. From the failure to appear and failure to comply from the courts, there were 19,700 driver's license suspensions last year, statistics are important.

LISA MADER UPDATE-There are a few open positions in the administrators office, Tim left, his position was filled in house by Mike Domiano. Two other positions are not filled, Claudia's open positions have been advertised.

Minutes from December there was something about the DOJ coming to speak about the DL suspensions and reinstatement form, Lisa did not remember what that was about and did not contact them to be here today. Judge Mohr said they were going to come talk about the form, what they wanted to see. Larry said he thought they wanted to put a deceased memo on them. Claudia said she had spoken with Vicki at DOJ and there is something going on with the 24/7 program needed to be renamed or something like that, and that Judge Carver said he wanted to wait for Legislation to be over before any changes are made. Lisa said Michelle Snowberger, the new chief of Record and Driver Control has made some noise about changing some of the forms, Michelle has not contacted anyone to do anything.

Lisa did not get a repository policy put together, she does feel it is needed but there have been no more requests to use the repository by outside entities.

In terms of legislative stuff, HB 10 is the long range Building IT Bill, we have a proposal in there for what we call court technology improvements. That is basically for three things, the District Court court rooms were to be modernized with audio and video capabilities, that has been done with what funding we have but there is more to do. One piece is Audio, one piece is Video and one piece is called efilings technology. Courts will need upgrades. We may not have to use that money immediately, it is a long range bill, there will have to be purchases of more public access machines. That bill was heard in February by the Long range building committee, last Friday it was heard in front of the House appropriations committee and no executive action has been taken. IT costs is a big thing for the legislature this year, we don't know what the states IT Costs are. We have to pull together all of the requests. We have some major areas to talk about, statutory obligations, give a little bit of the history of the funding, the surcharges, then in 2007 we became general funded, talk about the major systems and the projects for the next years. Looking at the expansion of the networks, bandwidth, this could have a crippling effect on us for efilings, enterprise, not just us but everyone. Will testify tomorrow about that. The Department of Administration IT Services went in with an 11.6 million increase in services requested by agencies, the subcommittee forced an 8.6 million dollar reduction which reduces our budget, we have to find a way to buy them. In terms of our operating budget, we came out of our subcommittee really well, if everything was to stop today, we would be great. We got our 3 one time only FTE again, the subcommittee is aware that we will be coming back next year to request those employees. We did get them and are rehiring at this time. Little cuts to our IT budget, most everything we went in for with new proposals they approved. That is being heard today in the House Appropriation

Committee. Any amendments or anything they are putting in are all failing. Larry advised HB 488 is a bill that is revising the penalties for the AGG and DUI Per Se, doubled all of the minimum fines, for all alcohol related offenses. If this passes, the work load will be greatly increased, they want to have the 24/7 re-written to have the AGG DUI added to it. Significant changes to the bond book if this passes. Minimum amount of jail time and fines for alcohol related offenses will all change. Not too many new violations, or criminal misdemeanor violations being presented.

Lisa passed out an update on e-filing from Lois, just info for the committee. Couple of fixes done, seems to be going well with the courts that have it. Time savings, gas savings, paper savings, lots of good things. Things brought up by Judge Townsend, stack of files, paper marked, in electronic world won't have that, looking at building internally is a smart bench, work bench, something like that so they can log into the portal and key in a case or queue up a docket for them, pull all the documents for easy reading for the judges. We can ask Tessa if that same kind of thing is available for Enterprise.

Enterprise funding is in place, came from the grant, the piece that is confusing and we did not include the money that will be necessary to re-establish the data exchanges between DMV and the order of protection interface. Board of crime control felt that would make the amount of the grant over and above what the feds would approved. Department of Justice put \$490,000.00 into the HB 10 to get that funding. It is sponsored by them. If that funding does not go through, the Montana Legal Services Association, filed for a grant and able to put in about \$225,000.00 specifically for the order of protection. There is that funding possibility, the other possibility is the DMV, they have a pretty significant budget, with only a few projects in the works. As far as Full court for the courts, everything is in place.

Larry, feels that one of the reasons that our funding is in such good shape is that Lisa and Beth were able to go to the legislature to advise they had been able to upgrade our new case management system through grant money and did not have to ask the legislature to do it. Thinks that had a huge effect on the legislature. Lots of entities are asking for money and not being able to get it. Lisa and her staff need to be congratulated for securing that grant and being able to upgrade our case management system.

Greg Mohr said there might be another option for money, the VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) has been given quite a bit of money for their program, they got more money than they figured, money is there and may be a viable source for what we need.

Lisa said she was not concerned about the \$490,000.00, she thinks it will be worked out.

Lisa handed out more statistics for the new categories we put in last year, criminal and civil cases. Old and new.

When anyone asks for numbers, Lisa tells them she will give numbers but only of violations filed, no conviction numbers.

CLAUDIA ANDERSON-UPDATE

Barb sent a note back to Claudia, thanking the committee for the plaque.

Motor Carrier imports off and running, almost done. Going well. Started in January, having officers bring citations in and also import to make sure done right, all doing well. Claudia said this is the easiest process she has ever done.

Road side payments are also working for them. Roadside payments sent to the court can be put in bond, then convert when appearance date is passed. Claudia said she thought Grant was working with Yellowstone County on the imports. There was a problem with the numbers on the MCS citations, so changed the numbers. FW&P will use space F for their imports. MHP is space E and MCS is space M.

There was some discussion on the names of the defendants and also the officers and the imports are wonderful to help with this.

Cite Pay, left the instruction part of the entry, put a picture of what is needed, hoped this would help with the defendants paying bonds on line. Citepay at the jail in Yellowstone, set up over a year, only 11 bond payments made through the jail, not sure what to do. Yellowstone County has their own credit card machine in the jail. Lisa said they got an inquiry from another jail to use the credit card in the jail. Not moving forward on this as do not know where to go with it. Audrey Barger said she would like to try it in Hill County, Greg Mohr said he would also like to have it in Richland County. Linda Budeski said Park County would be a good place also as not a lot of turnover in the jail. Greg will talk with the sheriff when he gets back to have him come on to the program. Audrey said she would talk with her sheriff also.

Roadside payments, Claudia passed out a readout of the payments received from last February to this February. More money all the time. Motor Carriers coming on line will help also.

Larry has to leave the meeting, wanted to make sure a keeper of the record is appointed.

At this point in the meeting the audio recorder was turned off and the following is what I remember and a few really scratchy notes I took.

There was discussion on the License suspension and reinstatement forms for Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Claudia advised that the Smart Cop for FWP would be up and working in April.

Lisa advised that the Contract for Full Court Enterprise had been received.

Lisa asked what the committee thought of having a joint 2 day meeting with the District Court Automation committee in April to hash out the pilot courts and anything that needed to be worked on. All agreed that this would be a good thing.

Audrey made a motion that the request from Judge Snowberger about the ROA's being changed be dropped. Sharon 2nd, motion was carried.

Audrey nominated Jackie to be the keeper of the minutes, someone seconded it and there was no discussion, vote was taken, nomination was passed.

There was a question asked about the replacement of Barb on the committee, Lisa thought that should wait until Larry was present.

The next meeting will be April 15 and 16, 2015 in conjunction with the District Court Automation Committee and Tessa Rye with JSI. 9:00 am in the Court Administration Building.

There was a motion made to adjourn, it was seconded and carried.