

COCLJ AUTOMATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

February 28th, 2011

ATTENDING BY PHONE

Chairperson, Judge Larry Carver
Judge Gregory P. Mohr, Richland County/Sidney City Court
Judge Linda Barger, Hill County Justice of the Peace
Lisa Mader, Court Administrator's Office
Sharon Skaggs, Yellowstone Co. Justice Court
Jennifer Boschee, President of MJC&MCCA
Barb Pepos, Richland County/Sidney City Court

Members not able to attend were: Sheri Bishop, Judge Linda Budeski and Thelma Keys-Nicol.

Meeting was held to discuss CitePay issues and in attendance for JSI was Bill and Ernie.

Lisa brought up the following issues which needed to be decided on:

1. The ability to accept bond posted on CitePay for someone incarcerated
2. Detention Center issues – right now one court tied to one detention center.
3. Allowing bond payments through CitePay and unapplied receipt issue.
4. Allowing restitution payments through CitePay

Ernie explained that when someone bonds out of jail, a new party record is created in Full Court and an unapplied receipt is generated. E-mail notices are sent to the jail and the Court. Judge Carver asked why there would not be a match when a Warrant had been served, as this information is in the Full Court database. Bill said right now they are in the process of putting matching logic into the bond feature, but currently bond is always treated as an unapplied receipt.

Judge Mohr and Judge Carver noted that CitePay prints a receipt of a transaction; therefore, that receipt could be taken to the detention facility as proof that bond had been posted. Sharon questioned whether jail personnel would have an issue with the authenticity of that receipt. Judge Carver felt this could be handled as a training issue with detention officers.

Additionally, when the Restitution component of CitePay is used, payments go towards restitution first and then fines and fees. Bill from JSI noted the next upgrade of Full Court would fix the problem as CitePay would be configured as per the fee schedule. Right now any court would have the ability to not accept CitePay payments from a specific defendant, or on a specific case.

After discussing the issues, Sharon Skaggs made a Motion that the Restitution component of CitePay be installed, with a second by Jennifer Boschee. The committee voted and passed this motion.

The other CitePay issues will be discussed at the March 31st meeting scheduled in Helena. It was suggested by Judge Carver that JSI personnel join that meeting at 10:00 A.M. and Bill and Ernie agreed.

In addition, the committee was notified that E-checks are not verified on CitePay. This was an issue in the Gallatin County Justice Court, as they received the e-check back marked NSF. Discussion followed that a court may not want to accept E-checks, but Judge Carver would accept them, as he would have them prosecuted as he does now with NSF checks. Ernie explained this is a court by court decision and as simple as turning the switch on or off.

Finally, Judge Carver and members of the committee agreed that CitePay installation shall proceed in its current form to the committee member courts first, as discussed at previous meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M. Minutes submitted by member Barb Pepos

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