

INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS & REVENUE

Budget Review Subcommittee on Justice and Judiciary

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 2022 Interim

September 21, 2022

Call to Order and Roll Call

The 3rd meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Justice and Judiciary of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations & Revenue was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 9:00 AM, in Room 129 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Joseph M. Fischer, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Danny Carroll, Co-Chair; Representative Joseph M. Fischer, Co-Chair; Senators Christian McDaniel and John Schickel; Representatives McKenzie Cantrell and Daniel Elliott.

Guests: Elizabeth Lucas, Implementation & Court Services Director, Department of Information & Technology Services, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC); Scott Mattingly, Technology Officer, Department of Information & Technology Services, AOC; and Jim Dailey, Campbell County Jailer, President, Kentucky Jailers' Association.

LRC Staff: Perry Papka, Zachary Ireland, and Benjamin Thompson

Update – Virtual Hearing Technology in the Courts and Jails & Electronic Court Filing System Upgrades

Ms. Lucas, Mr. Mattingly, and Mr. Dailey provided testimony regarding technology upgrades in courts and jails.

In response to questions from Chair Fischer, Mr. Mattingly noted that the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) was working on a single platform solution that will work for both video arraignments and hybrid video conferencing. Ms. Lucas stated that the rollout of the new platform would be on a county by county basis, noting that the pilot program was ongoing. Ms. Lucas confirmed that Zoom has a breakout room feature that would allow attorney/client communications to be confidential and unrecorded. The AOC will begin implementation of the new platform in early 2023, but does not expect to be completed until sometime in 2025.

In response to a question from Senator McDaniel, Mr. Mattingly stated that either the judge or a judicial court specialist would be responsible for setting up and starting video arraignments, while jails will be responsible for having the inmate available and ready at the scheduled start time.

In response to a question from Senator Carroll, Ms. Lucas noted that video record is the currently accepted record of the court in Kentucky.

In response to a question from Representative Cantrell, Ms. Lucas stated that communication with and training for attorneys regarding the new virtual hearing technology would be an important component in the platform rollout.

In response to a question from Chair Fischer, Ms. Lucas confirmed that the Self Representation Portal would be ready by December of 2023.

In response to a question from Senator Carroll, Ms. Lucas said that the self-service kiosks for those who have fines but would prefer to pay with cash are secured. The vendor for those kiosks is the same vendor used for similar machines in Probation and Parole offices throughout the state.

In response to a question from Representative Elliott, Ms. Lucas noted that the kiosks will have a convenience fee applied, just as if one were paying online with a credit or debit card.

Approval of Minutes

Senator Schickel made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2022 meeting of the subcommittee. Senator Carroll seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved without objection.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 AM.