

Trial Court Budget Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2014



Attendance – Members Present

The Honorable Margaret Steinbeck, Chair
The Honorable Catherine Brunson
The Honorable Ronald Ficarrotta
Mr. Tom Genung
Ms. Sandra Lonergan
The Honorable Thomas McGrady
The Honorable Debra Nelson
The Honorable Gregory Parker
The Honorable Belvin Perry, Jr
Ms. Kathy Pugh
The Honorable James McCune

The Honorable Mark Mahon, Vice Chair
The Honorable Robert Roundtree
The Honorable Olin Shinholser
Mr. Grant Slayden
The Honorable Elijah Smiley
Mr. Walt Smith
The Honorable Bertila Soto
The Honorable John Stargel
The Honorable Terry Terrell
Mr. Mark Weinberg
Ms. Robin Wright

Attendance – Members Absent

The Honorable Wayne Miller

The Honorable Patricia Thomas

Special Note: It is recommended that these minutes be used in conjunction with the meeting materials.

Agenda Item I.: Welcome

Judge Steinbeck called the Trial Court Budget Commission (TCBC) meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. The roll was taken with a quorum present.

Agenda Item II. : Allocation of Child Support Hearing Officer Resources

Ms. Jessie Emrich McMillan presented options regarding a 0.5 FTE Child Support Enforcement Hearing Officer position returned by the 13th Circuit. The Funding Methodology Committee (FMC) recommended approval of the staff recommendation to allocate the 0.5 FTE to the 4th Circuit. Judge Perry motioned to approve with a second from Judge Roundtree. The motion passed without objection.

Agenda Item III. : FY 2014/15 Supplemental Legislative Budget Request – Criminal Judicial Viewers

Ms. Kris Slayden presented the recommendations of the TCBC Trial Court Technology Funding Strategies Workgroup. Judge Steinbeck reported Judge Miller from the 16th Circuit contacted her stating the 16th Circuit needs more bandwidth and licensing than originally determined and requested an additional \$65,000 for those needs. Judge Parker requested an additional \$70,000 for redundancy servers. Judge Steinbeck noted these additional amounts should pass the same review to ensure the requests fall within the established framework and cost standards for technology resources. Judge McGrady motioned to approve the recommendation to include the additional amounts requested by the 3rd and 16th Circuits, as part of the supplemental LBR for FY 2014-15, contingent upon meeting review criteria. Judge Ficarrota seconded the motion, and the motion passed without objection. Walt Smith motioned to approve the justification narrative for the funding request with the supplemental LBR with a second by Judge Roundtree. The motion passed without objection.

Agenda Item IV. : Update/Discussion on Post-Adjudicatory Drug Court Study by Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability

Mr. Eric Maclure provided an update on the draft report from the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability's (OPPAGA) study of the Post-Adjudicatory Drug Courts. He presented two options regarding if any revisions should be made to the filed FY 2014-15 LBR issue based upon the draft report. Judge Roundtree motioned to approve Option Two to amend the placeholder to convert OPS to FTE, with a second from Sandra Lonergan. Walt Smith sought a modification to the motion. Mr. Smith requested to go with Option One to make no changes to the original placeholder request of \$544,013 in recurring funding for the continuation of the 14 OPS drug court positions, and to authorize the Executive Committee the flexibility to work with legislative staff during session and to go with Option Two if the conversion of OPS to FTE approach is more appropriate. The amendment to the motion made by Walt Smith was accepted with a second by Judge Stargel. The motion passed with Ms. Lonergan objecting.

Adjournment

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.