

Trial Court Budget Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2015

Telephone Conference



Attendance – Members Present

The Honorable Mark Mahon, Chair

The Honorable Robert Roundtree, Vice Chair

The Honorable Catherine Brunson

The Honorable Ronald Ficarrota

The Honorable Robert Hilliard

The Honorable Thomas McGrady

Ms. Sandra Lonergan

The Honorable Wayne Miller

The Honorable Debra Nelson

The Honorable Gregory Parker

The Honorable Diana Moreland

Ms. Kathy Pugh

Mr. Grant Slayden

The Honorable Elijah Smiley

Mr. Walt Smith

The Honorable Bertila Soto

The Honorable John Stargel

The Honorable Margaret Steinbeck

The Honorable Patricia Thomas

Mr. Mark Weinberg

Ms. Robin Wright

Attendance – Members Absent

The Honorable Jeffrey Colbath

The Honorable Frederick Lauten

Mr. Tom Genung

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

Judge Mahon called the Trial Court Budget Commission (TCBC) meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. The roll was taken with a quorum present.

Agenda Item I: Reallocation of Remaining Technology Funds under Foreclosure Backlog Reduction Initiative

Lindsay Hafford presented an overview of this agenda item and noted that staff have been monitoring the remaining technology funds under the foreclosure backlog reduction initiative. Email communications had previously been sent to all circuit trial court administrators and trial court technology officers requesting the status of each circuit, if funds would be available for reallocation or if the circuit required additional funds. OSCA received requests from five circuits for additional funding. Ms. Hafford noted that the Seventh Circuit and the Fourteenth Circuit

anticipated having additional funds for reallocation, but the amounts are unknown at this time. In addition, the Nineteenth Circuit had an adjustment to the amount available for reallocation from \$6,000 to \$5,862, reducing the total proposed reallocation amount to \$268,199 from \$268,337. *(Note: After the meeting the amount of available funds for redistribution from the Fifteenth Circuit changed to \$6 from \$1,333, based on their available balance, further reducing the total for reallocation to \$266,872.)*

Proposed Funding Criteria

Judge Mahon presented three options for consideration and noted that the Second, Third, Fourth and Sixth Circuits would receive the full amount of additional funding requested and the Seventeenth Circuit would receive funds as they become available.

Judge Brunson asked how it was determined which circuits would be fully funded. Ms. Hafford responded that priority was given to those circuits completing the initial implementation of the Court Application Processing System. Judge Smiley noted that the Fourteenth Circuit would have funds available for reallocation. Judge Mahon added that the funds from the Fourteenth Circuit would increase the amount of funding the Seventeenth Circuit would receive.

Judge Smiley motioned to approve Option One. Judge Brunson seconded, and the motion passed without objection.

Availability of Additional Funds

Ms. Hafford noted as the fiscal year comes to a close, additional funds may become available and three options were presented for consideration of reallocating funding as additional funds become available. Judge Parker motioned to approve Option One. Judge Smiley seconded, and the motion passed without objection.

Adjournment

With no other business before the commission, the meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.