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eCourt Project
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eCourt Case Management Update

This update includes the current project status, upcoming tasks, and budget totals. The project to migrate the courts to the new Tyler Odyssey case management system is in the 32nd month of the originally scheduled 45-month project timeline. The project is on budget and the timeline has been adjusted to account for the effects of the pandemic.

The project is being implemented in seven tracks. There are six district court tracks and an appellate courts track. The system was implemented in the first track, composed of Riley, Clay, Geary, Dickinson, Marion, Morris counties in August 2019. Project efforts this year focus on preparing the system for the next three tracks scheduled to be implemented over the next three calendar quarters. The implementation map below shows the counties in each of the district court implementation tracks.
Note: Work began on Track II (which includes Sedgwick County) prior to Track III even though Track III will be implemented earlier.

**Project Tasks and Go-Live**

All tracks begin with a project kick-off meeting with judges and staff from the counties in the track. Code mapping is the first task for each track. This involves mapping the legacy case management codes to the codes that will be used in the new case management system. The next series of tasks include an iterative process of test conversions and data reviews, as well as county specific configuration such as creating user accounts for staff and updating court calendars. After the test conversions and data reviews are complete, courts use business process documentation to validate the system is ready for go-live for the track.

End user training takes place the month before go-live for each track. This training is in person and conducted in a classroom setting. Attendees gain hands-on experience with the system.

Tasks during the go-live week include processing any pending efiled documents, running final reports from the legacy system, and converting the data. The conversion process takes approximately one day. During this time the efilng system is unavailable in the courts within the track and paper filings are accepted. Once the conversion is complete and the new case management system is available for use, courts enter the paper filings received during the conversion process. Electronic filing is available for attorneys at this time as well.

**Public Access and External Stakeholders**

The new case management system provides an expansion of remote access to public court information and documents consistent with statute and court rules. The public access portal is available 24/7 on the internet. In addition, each court maintains at least one public terminal in the courthouse for public access.

There are two methods external stakeholders that are authorized to access court information above and beyond that available to the general public may use. First, these stakeholders may access the public portal using an elevated security level that provides access to case information and documents specific to their needs. For those external stakeholders that have system integrations between their case management systems and the courts, integrations providing targeted information and documents may be created. Examples of external stakeholders with elevated access to court information are district and county attorneys, law enforcement, community corrections, and court trustees.

**Budget Update**
The total for licenses, professional services, and support and maintenance for the first 5 years is $15,865,262 (Tyler has the option to increase the 5th year support by 5%. If they elect to do this, it would increase this total by an additional $48,524).

The project is on budget for implementation in the district and Appellate Courts. The budget breakdown is as follows:

Licenses: $4,621,300 ($3,234,910 paid to date)
Professional Services: $6,876,834 ($4,358,200 paid to date)
Support and Maintenance: ($1,455,709 paid to date)

The initial support and maintenance payment of $485,236 was made at Track 1 go-live. Support and maintenance fees are invoiced annually, with the next two years fixed at $970,473 per year. Each subsequent year will be set at Tyler’s then-current rates provided the fees shall not be increased over the prior year’s fees by more than five percent (5%).