

MINUTES

JOINT COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

April 29, 2008
Room 526-S—Statehouse

Members Present

Senator Tim Huelskamp, Chairperson
Representative Joe McLeland, Vice-Chairperson
Senator Janis Lee
Senator Mike Petersen
Senator Vicki Schmidt
Representative Mike Burgess
Representative Nile Dillmore
Representative Jim Morrison

Staff

Don Heiman, Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer
Aaron Klaassen, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees

Joan Wagon, Secretary, Kansas Department of Revenue
Roger Werholtz, Secretary, Kansas Department of Corrections
Russ Jennings, Commissioner, Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority
Kelby Marsh, Information Technology Director, Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority
Don Heiman, Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer
Alan Weis, Project Leader, Kansas Legislative Integrated Services System

Joan Wagon, Secretary of the Kansas Department of Revenue (KDOR), presented a status report on Project 2010, the Division of Vehicles Modernization (Attachment 1). Noting that a feasibility study was completed in May of 2007, she said the agency is seeking funding for the \$40.0 million project. She reviewed the need for the updated application, commenting that the project will integrate three obsolete mainframe systems: the Vehicle Information Processing System (VIPS), the Kansas Drivers License System, and the Kansas Vehicle Inventory System, each having exhibited inadequacies and failures that interfere with timely and accurate information. She explained that the feasibility study recommended a Commercial Off-the-Shelf (COTS) software application. The Kansas Information Technology Office (KITO) approved the project, and there are vendors who sell COTS

applications. Answering questions, Ms. Wagnon said the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), Traffic Records, and the Kansas Criminal Justice Information System (KCJIS) rely on VIPS and that the new application will foster to the requirements of all agencies. Jim Conant, Director of Resource Management, KDOR, said that 2008 SB 679 was amended to eliminate a surcharge and increased the motor vehicle registration fees by \$5, with the fee increase to be dedicated for the project over three years, a timeline that will meet the estimated funding requirements. Ms. Wagnon replied to another question that the VIPS-CAMA fee fund was subsumed by CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) requirements.

Roger Werholtz, Secretary, Kansas Department of Corrections, explained that he was appearing before the JCIT as the Chairperson of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, which exercises oversight over the KCJIS (Attachment 2). He stated that KCJIS connects with over 1,700 state, local and federal agencies, providing extensive information in a timely manner. Commenting that the system, initiated in 1996, is becoming obsolete and needs to be replaced, he noted that 70.0 percent of previous federal funding was lost this year and the Council can no longer rely on federal Byrne grants to upgrade the system. He listed components requiring upgrade or replacement as well as new applications to be included in an updated system. No funding for any of the new components is reflected in the Council's FY 2009 budget request, but are contained within their respective agencies.

He cited examples of how the new system will integrate information from different agencies, such as the Department of Corrections, the Kansas Sentencing Commission, and the Office of Judicial Administration, in order to share risk-assessment data, information designed to follow an offender through the system with one data-entry point.

A member, after hearing Mr. Werholtz' response to a question regarding car stops, urged the Council to integrate the various agency databases so that an update at one point will synchronously update the others. Denise Moore, Executive Chief Information Technology Officer (KCITO), commented that some agency information is proprietary. The member replied that information common to all agencies could be made available while protecting confidential information. Mr. Werholtz responded to another question that combining databases within an agency is feasible, but interconnection with other agencies is more challenging. Gordon Lansford, Director of the KCJIS, answering a question regarding online photo identification, replied that, in order to speed response for law enforcement personnel in the field, two databases are maintained, one at the KBI and one at KDOR. Mr. Werholtz replied that several identification systems have been tested (palm print, and iris scan, among other things), none of which had progressed along far enough, or were as fast and accurate as fingerprinting. The Chairperson requested that Ms. Moore e-mail members the five-year plan for KCJIS.

Russ Jennings, Commissioner, Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA), explained that funding for the proposed project to integrate three JJA databases (the Community Agency Supervision Information Management System, the Juvenile Justice Intake and Assessment Management System, and the Juvenile Correctional Facility System) was at risk during the 2008 Session. The Senate Ways and Means Committee and the House Appropriations Committee are withholding a funding decision pending consideration by the Joint Committee of the proposed project (Attachment 3). He said the proposed system will streamline case management.

Kelby Marsh, Information Technology Director, Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority, further explained the value of JJA's proposed system, saying that the three-year project will cost \$1.13 million, allow local communities to enter data through web access, and establish a more stable information technology environment. Answering questions, he said the project will be initiated by a Request for Proposals, that the agency will be the owner of any resulting software that is developed, and that the vendor will be required to train in-house staff for subsequent maintenance. He estimated annual maintenance costs between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

Don Heiman, Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer, provided a status report on the Kansas Legislative Integrated Services System (KLISS) Plan project by reviewing infrastructure and application development (Attachment 4). He stated that the infrastructure included 10 completed projects (such as deployment of hardware and Capitol wiring), five pilot projects (e.g., closed-circuit television), and 13 projects in the planning stages. Commenting on the closed-circuit television project, he said the service, funded through a KAN-ED grant of \$5,250 and presently residing in one office, will enable web-casting from hearing rooms through Cox Cable. He noted further that the Division of Information Systems and Communications (DISC) will have Cisco switches installed by June of 2008 to enable multiple broadcasting.

Answering questions, Mr. Heiman said the North Wing renovation will include an auditorium and an interactive television broadcast room. He replied that the House voting board cost of \$1.5 million is being funded by allocations from the Capitol Restoration Project, International Roll Call, Legislative Computer Services, and DISC. He responded to another question that the Docking State Office Building network will be upgraded. He commented that future e-mail communications may rely on hosted services such as Google rather than Novell or Microsoft in-house networks.

Regarding application projects, Mr. Heiman noted that legislative funding committees requested budget revisions; that such revisions lowered the project cost by \$1.125 million, a 33.5 percent reduction. Referencing the design proposed by vendor Propylon, Mr. Heiman said that coding and converting the new system can be done in two phases, the first building the core system (estimated 30 months, \$6.9 million), and the second building on the system platform a reporting and workflow subsystem for Legislative Research (estimated cost \$2.0 million with cost-saving benefits of \$476,296). Answering a question, Mr. Heiman said migrating communications from GroupWise to Microsoft involves extensive documentation and complex design. He noted that vendor Propylon is using open standards. Responding to other questions, he replied that the total cost for KLISS through CY 2012 is estimated to be \$9.5 million. If the second contract is added (Phase 2), the total cost will be \$11.5 million. He replied that a new naming convention for e-mail will be instituted in January of 2009, and he reiterated the complexities of changing from GroupWise to Microsoft.

Alan Weis, Project Leader, KLISS, reviewed the design contract with Propylon, which is scheduled to be completed in December of 2008. He said the software will be the property of the State of Kansas. Answering questions, he said that the Legislative Coordinating Council has acquired the VoteTracker license through 2008 at an annual cost of \$90,750. Terri Clark, Database Manager, Legislative Computer Services, replied that an LCC policy stipulates that legislative votes are available on the legislative intranet, but are not available real-time to the general public. The information is published in the House and Senate Journals.

Mr. Weis replied that when KLISS is completed in 2012, information will be more readily available to the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

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