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Minutes of September 26, 2018, Legislative Committee Meeting

Approved by the Legislative Committee at their meeting held on October 10, 2019

The Legislative Committee of the Clerks of Court Operations Corporation (CCOC) held a meeting via conference call on September 26, 2018. An agenda and materials were distributed in advance of the meeting and posted on the CCOC website. Provided below is a summary of staff notes from the meeting. These staff notes are designed simply to document committee action, not to be a full record of committee discussions. All motions adopted by the committee are in **bold** text. All action items based on committee direction are in the **red** and **bold** text.

1. Call to Order and Introduction

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:00 PM EDT. CCOC staff member Jason Welty called the roll. Members in attendance included: Chair Timmann, Clerk Baker, Clerk Conrad, Clerk Cooney, Clerk Green, Clerk Madok, Clerk Marshall, Clerk O'Neil, Clerk Roth, and Clerk Ruvin.

A quorum was in attendance.

2. Agenda Item 1 – Approve the Agenda

The motion was made by Clerk Marshall and seconded by Clerk Baker. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Agenda Item 2 – Approve the Minutes of December 19, 2017 Meeting

The minutes of the December 19, 2017 meeting were presented. No questions or comments were made.

A motion was made by Clerk O'Neil to approve the minutes and seconded by Clerk Baker. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Agenda Item 3 – Revenue Enhancement Committee Funding Continuity Plan

Members of the Legislative Committee were sent a draft of the Revenue Enhancement Committee report on funding options for review and approval.

Clerk Tiffany Moore Russell presented the report. The Revenue Enhancement Committee met by conference call on Tuesday September 11, 2018 and approved the Funding Continuity Plan that provides various recommendations to meet the CCOC statutory obligation.

The first set of recommendations came under the header of Funding for Public Safety Services with No Fees. These options relate to work that clerks do without receiving any filing fees, such as injunctions for protection, Baker Act cases and Marchman Act cases, and criminal cases.

There was discussion about the impact to general revenue and how that would impact the legislative success of these options.

The second set of recommendations came under the header of Administrative Changes. These options include changes to budgeting process such as allowing the clerks to keep unexpended funds as well as funds collected over the original budget projections.

A motion was made by Clerk Green to move the report to the Executive Council and allowing staff to make technical changes. A second was given by Clerk Marshall and Clerk Roth and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Agenda Item 4 – Jury Funding Options

Jason Welty provided an overview of options for changing the jury funding process. The first option would remove JAC from the process and let CCOC handle the distribution of funds. Additionally, this option would change the process from an estimate/advance model and change it to a reimbursement model. The second option presented was a revenue swap that eliminated the direct appropriation from the General Appropriations Act and replaced it with a filing fee being directed to the clerks to make up the balance.

In addition to the options to change the jury funding process, there were two “glitch bill” options to expressly add the payment of jurors and costs of juror management to s. 28.35, F.S. to remove any ambiguity that clerks have the ability to pay for these costs out of their collected court-related revenues.

A motion was made by Clerk Cooney to eliminate Option 2 of the jury funding process from consideration. A second was made by Clerk Roth. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Clerk Marshall to move Option 1 forward to the Executive Council and allow staff to make technical changes. A second was made by Clerk Green. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Clerk Cooney to move the jury glitch Option 2 to the Executive Council. A second was made by Clerk Marshall. The motion passed unanimously.

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6. Agenda Item 5 – Update on Florida Fiscal Outlook

Jason Welty provided an update on the Florida Fiscal Outlook as presented by Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR)

7. Agenda Item 6 – Other Business

None brought forward.

A motion to adjourn was made by Clerk Green. The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 PM.

Lead Staff: Jason Welty, CCOC Budget and Communications Director