

**North Carolina Criminal Justice Information Network  
Governing Board Meeting  
Thursday, March 29, 2012 9:00 AM  
901 Corporate Center Drive  
Magnolia/Dogwood Conference Room  
Raleigh, North Carolina**

**CJIN Governing Board Members Present:**

George Bakolia	Bob Brinson	Crystal Cody
Henry Hight, Jr.	Tom Jarrell	Dewey Jones
Todd Jones	Robert Lee	Steve Lingerfelt
Douglas Logan	Michael McArthur	Basil McVey
Eric Van Vleet	Victor Watts	Robert West
Albert Williams		

**CJIN Staff:**

Gene Vardaman	LaVonda Fowler	Lars Nance
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**Guests:**

Janet Green	Keenan Hogg	Dave Beck
T. Jerry Williams	Karlynn O'Shaughnessy	Julian Council
Joe Kershner	Mike Thomas	Danny Bell
Scott Glawson	Ronnie Blake	Adam Caviness
Russell Gentry	Daniel Womack	Crist Hamilton
Jonathan Fowler	Jim Jarvis	Mark Beason
Vish Tharuvesanchi	Mike Martin	Shaun Harris
Matthew McLamb	Jim Soukup	Larry Casterline
Debbie Allen	Lorin Freeman	Bob Moulton
Steve Kulig	Mike Bryant	Linda Hodgson

**Board Activities and Announcements**

CJIN Chairman Bob Brinson called the North Carolina Criminal Justice Information Network (CJIN) Governing Board meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Chairman Brinson welcomed the Board members and guests to the meeting and informed them that sign-in sheets were being circulated.

Chairman Brinson thanked Basil McVey and Willa Moyer for sharing the facilities of the NC Judicial Center for the meeting. Chairman Brinson also let the Board know that the next meeting might be on June 14, 2012, but the CJIN Staff would inform the Board if that meeting would be taking place.

**Folder Materials**

Chairman Brinson made the Board members aware that their folders contained an agenda, a draft copy of the minutes from the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, Travel Request Form, COPLINK proposal, LInX proposal from Northrop Grumman, and a Draft Copy of the 2012 General Assembly Report.

## **Ethics Awareness**

Chairman Brinson informed the Board that per NC State Ethics Commission guidelines, all Board members are required to attend an ethics training course at least every two years. The course offerings and locations are also available on the Ethics Commission website.

All Board members are required to complete a Statement of Economic Interest before April 15, 2012 you can complete the statement on-line at [ethicscommission.nc.gov](http://ethicscommission.nc.gov), if you have any questions, please see Gene.

Chairman Brinson gave an ethics reminder that is required to be presented at the beginning of any Board meeting. Chairman Brinson read into record the following, "In accordance with G.S. 138A-15, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearance of conflict. Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved".

## **Travel**

Chairman Brinson stated that for travel reimbursement, please find a copy of the form in your folder, any questions please see LaVonda or Gene.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the February 23, 2012 CJIN Meeting were approved.

## **Project Updates, Discussion and Action Items**

Chairman Brinson stated that generally the Board has a section of the Agenda devoted to project updates, discussion of old business, any outstanding action items, etc. At this time the staff has identified several items for the agenda. They are as follows:

1. **CJLEADS** – Danny Bell, Project Manager for CJLEADS gave the Board an update on the progress of the system, release 5 has been implemented and they are working on release 6. They have put into place an audit process and it is up to each agency to investigate the audit if they feel there is an issue. Danny stated that they are working with AOC on a link to NCAWARE. The FBI number within CJLEADS will remain in the system. There are security measures in place to prevent someone not authorized to access the system to be unable to do so.

Danny participated in a discussion with Chairman Brinson, Basil McVey, Al Williams and Eric Van Vleet.

1. **NCAWARE Interface to RMS Vendors Update**, Basil McVey with the AOC provided the Board with an update on the RMS Vendor interface, there is only one vendor actively working with the AOC on the interface but lots of agencies are utilizing it for nightly downloads to their RMS systems.

Basil participated in a discussion with Chairman Brinson.

2. **Interface COPLINK to NCIS LInX**; Chairman Brinson stated that the Board had voted to support the interface between the two regional systems - COPLINK and LInX. Crystal Cody with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department stated that the cost for this interface from COPLINK will be approximately \$55,000. Approval has been received from the LInX Executive Board to proceed with the interface to COPLINK. Crystal wants to have a federated query approach, as with other connections of this type across the country and wants that clarified in the Statement of Work (SOW). She further requested that the SOW specify the maintenance cost.

Crystal participated in a discussion with Chairman Brinson.

3. **Recommendation of Regional Interface** – Chairman Brinson stated that there would be the directive to CJIN staff to find the funds for connecting the COPLINK and LInX systems. The total cost is approximately \$80,000 for over half of NC's population of LEAs to share data, which is a great return on investment for the amount of funds needed for this interface to be implemented.
4. **CJIN Initiative with LEA without RMS** – Utilizing and leveraging the PSAP to assist along with the Vendors to provide a possible solution for a RMS or some portion thereof. Also to reduce the need for recurring cost to the agency, therefore using surplus equipment for the use of the possible solutions from the PSAP agency or Vendor.

Chairman Brinson participated in a discussion with Gene Vardaman.

5. **CJIN Agency Information – Validation** – Chairman Brinson stated that the CJIN Staff is working with ITS to try and publish this info to the web, but encouraged the Board to review and if they find discrepancies to let Gene or LaVonda know.
6. **Mental Health and Criminal History** – The CJIN Staff is reviewing this and trying to determine the exact point where the need for the Defendant's criminal history, as several state agencies are involved, and we are reviewing the process for the right agency.

Chairman Brinson participated in a discussion with Lars Nance, Dewey Jones, Debbie Allen, LaVonda Fowler and Gene Vardaman.

7. **Scrap Metal Study** – Chairman Brinson asked Gene Vardaman to give an update on this initiative. Gene stated that Representative Blackwell and Moore are interested in this initiative and have been in contact with their offices. Gene stated that the staff is treating this study in a similar fashion as the Pawn Broker Transaction Study and presenting a report for the Board to have a recommendation as to how to proceed.

Chairman Brinson participated in a discussion Gene Vardaman and LaVonda Fowler.

8. **DNA Expungement** – Chairman Brinson introduced Board Member Al Williams, Senior ADA, Buncombe County, who gave the Board an overview of his concerns regarding the new DNA law. Al stated that the law that the legislature passed several years ago requiring that the SBI expunge/destroy DNA from the DNA Data Base, requires that the District Attorneys become involved in the process. Al stated that the solution being discussed from a technical standpoint is extremely complicated and very hard to implement due to the varying scenarios from a District Attorney's perspective. Al also stated that the DAs are not directly notified of whether or not a Defendant's DNA was taken. AOC has given the District Attorney's some support in building a program that would allow for some notification when DNA is taken, but there are so many variables that are involved that a program needs to address all the issues and circumstances that would require that DNA be expunged from the database.

Al is requesting that the Board support the Conference of District Attorney's and the AOC by voting to draft a letter of support to the Legislature that changes the existing Law to include the original wording of the Draft Law that requires that the Defendant is responsible for ensuring that the SBI expunge/destroy a DNA sample from the Database, and removal of this responsibility from the Office of the District Attorney. This inclusion of requiring the Defendant to be the responsible party for ensuring that the DNA is expunged, along with the remove of the District Attorney's role as it stands now in the law, would also ensure that NC is in line with other states and their laws regarding this concern. Crystal Cody made the Motion that the CJIN Board support the concept for the Law's Revision, seconded by Tom Jarrell. Motion passed.

Al participated in a discussion with Chairman Brinson, Crystal Cody and Tom Jarrell.

## **BREAK**

### **Clerk of Court Legislative Issues**

Chairman Brinson introduced Board member Mike McArthur, Clerk of Superior Court in Chowan County who introduced Lorrin Freeman, Clerk of Superior Court in Wake County who gave the Board a brief outline of some of the issues concerning Clerks of Court.

Mike preceded Lorrin by reviewing the overall makeup of the Clerk's Office across the state. One of the major differences is the variety of staffing solutions that are in a Clerk's Office. Depending on the County, there may be 5 staff or 50, of those smaller offices usually you have a single person who specializes in a specific area, and in a larger County there might be a group of personnel who handle a specific area. Lorrin gave the Board an overview of what specific areas that a Clerk handles, from maintaining records, and ensuring that those records are accurate to scheduling cases for the Courthouse. The Clerk's Office handles estates, criminal, district civil, small claims, superior, court processes, magistrates, jury pool, juvenile, foreclosures, boundary line disputes, appoints court and jury commissioners, handles name change proceedings, sets attorney's fees, land sales, handles accounting, domestic violence, child support order enforcement and arbitrates disputes between board of education and board of county commissioners. Lorrin expressed some concerns regarding the recent economic state

of the budget and how that had affected the Clerk's Offices across the state. She expressed how the AOC has helped to integrate some of their processes with the use of technology. Lorrin stated that she would like to see some sort of index system for the Clerk's Wish List from the AOC along with the incorporation of GIS. She would also like to see the ability to review historical data regarding a potential defendant.

Lorrin participated in a discussion with Mike McArthur, Barbara Moore, Al Williams, Debbie Allen, Bob Brinson, Eric Van Vleet, Basil McVey, Tom Jarrell, Robert West, Victor Watts, Danny Bell, Crystal Cody, Henry Hight and Janet Greene.

### **Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Electronic Crash Reporting Project (ECRS)**

Chairman Brinson introduced Mike Thomas, IT Manager and Joe Kirschner, Project Manager with the DMV who presented the Board with an overview of the Electronic Crash Reporting System. Mike stated to the Board that the DMV processes over 270,000 crash reports annually, in 2004 the DMV implemented the Traffic Records communication Service, as a no-cost method of entering and submitting crash reports electronically, as of 2009 66% of these reports are still being submitted to the DMV via paper, the paper reports are very labor and time intensive, some LEAs choose to purchase crash reporting software, but they were still mailed to the DMV on paper, the ECRS allows LEAs with crash reporting software to submit electronically to the DMV, the DMV piloted the project in February 2010, the project ended in July 2011 with 4 LEAs, ECRS was implemented at Charlotte-Mecklenburg PD, Davidson PD, Charlotte Douglas Airport and New Bern PD, with plans for Greensboro, Greenville, Wilmington and Jacksonville PDs, to date there have been just over 27,000 records submitted electronically, using the ECRS cuts down the paper process from 10 ½ days to 3 ½ days, after the initial set up with a Vendor, subsequent implementations take much less time; due to the fact that each agency has a variety of processes.

Mike participated in a discussion with Bob Brinson, Linda Hodgson, George Bakolia, Crystal Cody, Mike Bryant and Al Williams.

### **2012 General Assembly Report**

Chairman Brinson reviewed the 2012 General Assembly Draft report for the Board. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Draft Report for submission to the General Assembly.

Chairman Brinson participated in a discussion with Gene Vardaman, Eric Van Vleet, Tom Jarrell and LaVonda Fowler.

### **Lunch**

### **Crime Mapping – City of High Point Police Department**

Chairman Brinson introduced Major Larry Casterline and Linda Hodgson, Police Records Manager for the City of High Point Police Department.

Major Casterline shared with the Board a live demonstration of the system that is being used at High Point PD for Crime Statistics and Analysis. This allows the law enforcement officer to view real-time data regarding crimes in the area. It also improves

officer safety and aids in the prevention of crimes by allowing the officer to make decisions that will benefit the community as a whole. The system will allow for the officer to view patterns and connections between crimes as well as suspects.

Major Casterline and Linda participated in a discussion with Victor Watts, Bob Brinson, Al Williams, Tom Jarrell, Mike Martin and Todd Jones.

### **Crime Mapping – Wayne County Sheriff’s Office**

Chairman Brinson introduced Detective Lieutenant Shawn Harris with the Wayne County Sheriff’s Office who gave the Board an overview of the crime mapping program used by Wayne County along with a live demonstration.

Lieutenant Harris shared with the Board how Wayne County’s solution to Crime Mapping helps their officers to improve the crime solving rate by allowing a visualization of specific types of crimes in a given area. This helps to see which crimes have been committed in another jurisdiction. This system maps crime by type, location and severity.

Lieutenant Harris participated in a discussion with Todd Jones, Matt McLamb, Bob Brinson and Al Williams.

### **Durham 911 Center Texting Trial and Technology Vision**

Chairman Brinson introduced James T. Soukup, Director of Durham Emergency Communications Center.

Jim gave the Board an overview of the Durham 911 Texting Trial which is a Verizon and Durham County 911 Center pilot. Only Verizon customers are able to text 911; other carriers are not providing 911 text services. This was implemented as another means of communication in this digital age. Durham Emergency Communication Center viewed this as an opportunity to assist the hearing impaired and potential victims who can’t afford for someone to hear them make a 911 voice call. Mr. Soukup stated that the test will last from August 3, 2011 to April 30, 2012 and Durham is the first city to have this technology in NC and only the second in the United States. The Durham Center is also working to have the ability to accept cell phone images submitted by 911 callers which can in turn be utilized by police and fire departments prior to arrivals. Mr. Soukup stated that there has been to date one text that was not an emergency, it was an alarm for a construction site.

Mr. Soukup participated in a discussion with Bob Brinson, Tom Jarrell, Crystal Cody and Al Williams.

### **New Business/ Adjournment**

Chairman Brinson reminded the Board members that the Statement of Economic Interest has to be completed by April 15th.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.