

**North Carolina Criminal Justice Information Network (CJIN)  
Governing Board Meeting  
Thursday, March 16, 2006 9:00 AM  
NC Department of Correction  
Enterprise Conference Room  
Raleigh, North Carolina**

CJIN Governing Board Members

Glen Allen  
Thomas Payne  
Robert Brinson  
Larry Dix  
James Godfrey  
Rex Gore  
Chip Hight  
Richard Little  
Richard Nifong

Tommy Allen  
Jane Gray  
Jerry Ratley  
Leslie Stanfield  
Bill Stice  
Woody Sandy  
George Tatum  
Doug Logan

CJIN Executive Director

Vacant

Others Present

Carol Morin  
Kimberly Gibney  
Lars Nance

CJIN Chairman Robert Brinson called the North Carolina (NC) Criminal Justice Information Network (CJIN) Governing Board meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the January 26, 2006 meeting were approved.

**Update on VIPER**

Mr. Woody Sandy reported that Kinston is up now and Bladen County is completely covered. There is an issue with the Department of Administration Property Office in that a lease agreement must be signed prior to accessing the sites. The Attorney General's staff has been slow in signing the contracts. This issue has been reported to the Deputy Secretary and we hope to have some resolution at the next status meeting. Phase 2 preparation work is progressing. Phase 0 has been totally funded through homeland security funds. The first 'X-files' image was passed the week of March 6, 2006. Lastly, the Governor has agreed to let us put in an expansion budget request for \$30 million to support 26 additional staff and infrastructure.

**Update on SAFIS**

Mr. Jerry Ratley reported to the board members that a total of ten proposals were received from seven vendors in response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) issues by the Department of Justice (DOJ) on February 23, 2006. SAFIS replacement proposals were received from Cogent Systems, Motorola, and NEC Solutions (America), Inc. for core SAFIS operating system replacement. Seven vendors responded to the Master Purchasing Agreements portion of the RFP for latent workstations and livescan devices including Cogent Systems, Cross Match, DataWorks Plus, Indentix, IndentiPro, Motorola, and NEC Solutions (America), Inc.

Preliminary assessments of proposals by the SAFIS evaluation teams indicate that costs for SAFIS replacement are less than preliminary estimates provided in the November 2005 report. This competitive bidding process has attracted multiple vendors which have provided lower overall cost proposals when compared to a sole source or single vendor approach. Mr. Brinson asked how this process works with the notion of funding and working with vendors. Mr. Ratley replied that if the General Assembly provides the funding then we will select one of the seven vendors for the primary vendor for the contract. Local agencies that currently have contracts with other vendors have added wording that states when funds are available, more equipment will be purchased in addition to what is replaced. Mr. Ralvey reported that around April 12-18 the evaluation teams will make a final vendor selection for replacement of core equipment and a recommendation will be made to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations (GovOps) on April 28, 2006. Judge Jane Gray asked how much of a savings do we anticipate. Mr. Ratley stated we anticipate a 40% reduction in price.

Mr. Ratley stated that state IT procurement rules require details of bids be confidential until the award. The DOJ has to consult with GovOps before entering into a contract causing conflict of interest to existing rules. This information had been transmitted electronically to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, Subcommittee for Justice and Public Safety the week of March 15, 2006. The DOJ is awaiting the Committee's guidance regarding future reporting on this subject. Mr. Brinson asked if the DOJ expected to receive funding out of this year's budget. Mr. Ratley replied that he expected to be able to at least enter into a contract and complete this project based on a phased approach whereby funding will be enough to complete the first phase and a specific clause in the contract will declare null in void without funding. Mr. Larry Dix asked if the Governor approved this funding in his budget. Mr. Ratley replied that an expansion budget request was granted.

#### **Update on Courtroom Automation**

Mr. Richard Little reported that eCitation has been implemented in all one hundred clerks of court offices statewide. A Governor's Crime Commission (GCC) grant enabled the AOC to purchase two thousand printers of which five hundred were distributed to the State Highway Patrol. The AOC is seeking additional grant funds for the upcoming year for more printers from the GCC. Mr. Little also reported that as of today, one third of all citations generated are eCitations.

Mr. Little reported that the AOC is on schedule with NCAWARE; however, we are unable to keep the project fully staffed which may impact the pilot date. The project is currently in the process of performance testing. The pilot will take place in the smaller counties during the first of the year (2007) and that Mecklenburg County will be the largest county to pilot test.

The AOC presented its expansion budget to the new Chief Justice, Sarah E. Parker which focuses on the creation of eCourt initiatives moving the courts toward a paperless environment and helping to increase collections for the clerks through the use of eCollections (credit card payments).

#### **CJIN General Assembly Report**

Mr. Brinson went over the few changes made to the 2006 CJIN Governing Board Report to be submitted to the General Assembly in April 2006. Judge Gray noted that we may want to include the language about the size of the board and a change in members for the future. Judge Gray also asked the board if we should include that we are evaluating the current vacant positions. Mr.

Brinson added that we did spend a lot of time going over that in the last meeting and that the executive position will remain IT related. The Director position will be posted in two weeks and it may be delayed due to the career banding. Mr. Brinson asked for a motion to approve the report and the motion passed without question.

**CJIN Public Manager Program Project**

Ms. Carol Morin presented the board members with a two page survey depicting demographic information about CJIN for the final project of the Public Manager Program (CPM) certification. The purpose of the survey is to demonstrate the skills she has learned over the course of the year. Ms. Morin stated that she still has two more classes to attend and the project she is working on is due to the Review Team by the end of June. The Review Team is made up of CJIN Board Members, Sentencing Commission Members, and members of the Governor's Crime Commission. Ms. Morin stated she will share the results of her project with the board upon completion.

**Other New Business**

Mr. Little attended the SEARCH Conference in Washington in March. Mr. Little commented that other states are struggling to do what we have already done in North Carolina through CJIN, there was a lot of discussion regarding homeland security, and concerns for additional BYRNE grant cuts.

Mr. Brinson stated that the board meeting date had not been scheduled as of yet and that all expense vouchers were to be left with him at the end of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.