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JOINT COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

October 21-22, 2002
Room 531-N and 527-S—Statehouse

Members Present

Senator Tim Huelskamp, Chairperson
Representative Jim Morrison, Vice Chairperson
Senator Jay Emler
Senator Paul Feleciano
Senator Larry Salmans
Senator Chris Steineger
Representative Tom Burroughs
Representative John Faber
Representative Doug Gatewood
Representative Carl Krehbiel (October 22 Only)

Staff

Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Richard Hays, Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer
Mary Torrence, Kansas Revisor of Statutes Office
Lisa Montgomery, Kansas Revisor of Statutes Office
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees

Gordon Lansford, Director, Kansas Criminal Justice Information System
Charles Sexson, Deputy Director, Kansas Bureau of Investigation
Ron Rohrer, Information Technology Director, Kansas Bureau of Investigation
Tonya Thoman, Communications Manager, Kansas Bureau of Investigation
Bruce Roberts, Chief Information Technology Officer, Executive Branch
Chris Howe, Division of Purchases, Department of Administration
Scott Myers, Superintendent, USD 218 (Elkhart)
Clay Abla, Director, USD 218 Electronic Charter School
Jerry Niebaum, Director, KAN-ED
Gianfranco Pezzino, Medical Director, Bureau of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention,
    Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Mark Beck, Director of Property Valuation, Kansas Department of Revenue
Laura Johnson, Deputy Director, Property Valuation Division, Kansas Department of
    Revenue

Duane Goossen, Director of the Budget
Aaron Dunkel, Budget Management System Administrator, Division of Budget,
   Department of Administration
Terri Clark, Database Manager, Legislative Administrative Services

Monday, October 21
Morning Session

Gordon Lansford, Director, Kansas Criminal Justice Information System (KCJIS), announced the completion of the six-year, $12 million project. He provided a review of the project and costs (Attachment 1). He said KCJIS now involves seven state and 150 local agencies. It provides Kansas criminal justice workers with an integrated, web-based criminal history, interrelating local, state, and national criminal justice information (Attachment 2). He noted that presently there are over 7,000 authorized users. Recent accomplishments include adding misdemeanor warrants, statewide car stop information, and KASPER, the central supervision repository of the Department of Corrections. Tonya Thoman, Communications Manager, Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), and Ron Rohrer, Information Technology (IT) Director, KBI, provided a demonstration of KCJIS. Mr. Rohrer noted that Kansas is the only state to have been approved by the FBI for web access to FBI information, and that only Kansas presently has a state Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. He said last year KCJIS enabled Kansas to be ranked No. 1 nationally in criminal justice information. Chuck Sexson, Deputy Director, KBI, said projected expansion of KCJIS would include the court information project (FullCourt), which will be completed June 2004 and incorporated into KCJIS. Members suggested the success of KCJIS might make it marketable to other states. Mr. Sexson mentioned proposed legislation (Attachment 3) that was deferred until a later meeting.

Bruce Roberts, Executive Chief Information Technology Officer, introduced Chris Howe, Division of Purchases, Department of Administration (Attachment 4). Mr. Howe reviewed the Credit Card Acceptance Program, which was initiated November 28, 2000, after which a contract was established with Paymentech as the Kansas credit card processor. Separate agreements were signed with American Express and Discovercard. He said that Official Payments Corporation entered into a subcontract with Paymentech to establish an on-line interface through AccessKansas for some agencies. Members discussed ways to reduce or eliminate convenience fees, and encouraged the Division of Purchases to investigate options to accomplish this.

Bruce Roberts reviewed several items of interest: (1) the update of the state's IT architecture was ready for distribution; (2) the ITEC Security Council is reviewing a draft for new legislation to increase statewide security; (3) responding to a legislative mandate, reports to the Legislature are being prepared for submission electronically rather than in printed form; and (4) the three CITOs are developing a revised reporting format for agency IT projects. Next, Mr. Roberts reviewed the Bi-Monthly Agency IT Project Reports (Attachment 5). He said three projects are on hold: the Department of Revenue's Computer-Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) project, on hold until March 1, 2003; the Department of Transportation's Construction Detour Reporting System, on hold until November 12, 2002; and the Department of Transportation's Truck Routing Information System, on hold until November 1, 2002. He also noted three of the Department of Health and Environment's

projects would require CITO intervention: the Child Care Licensing and Information System Project is preparing an amended project plan to address unforeseen delays; the Health Alert Network completion date has been adjusted; and the Vital Statistics Integrated Information System project plan will be revised. Mr. Roberts announced that the IT Project Management Course recently graduated 30 individuals, bringing the total to over 200 individuals who are now certified project managers for agency IT projects.

The minutes for the September 16-17, 2002, meeting were approved. *(Motion by Representative Burroughs, seconded by Senator Steineger.)*

Afternoon Session

Scott Myers, Superintendent of USD 218 (Elkhart), briefed the Committee on the district's development of a virtual school, the Electronic Charter School, which presently has 80 students, 26 of whom are home-schooled, with the remainder either at-risk or non-traditional students (Attachment 6). He said 90 percent of the students reside out of district and are granted a waiver from their home district. He stated that 20 teachers are involved in the virtual school, with two full-time teachers working on-line for consultation. Clay Abla, Director of the Electronic Charter School, provided a sample curriculum, including interactive features covering a wide spectrum of learning modalities.

Jerry Niebaum, Director, KAN-ED, summarized developments for the KAN-ED network project, authorized through 2002 Substitute for SB 614 (Attachment 7). He said Hal Gardner has been selected as the new Director; with his duties beginning on November 1, 2002. Funding for the project ($5 million in FY 2003) will begin January 2003. Mr. Niebaum noted that the preparatory work has been accomplished through the Kansas Distance Learning Consortium. A total of 163 members have signed up. Answering questions, Mr. Niebaum said the KAN-ED network was committed to creating partnerships with private industry. He observed that providing connectivity has been more complex than originally anticipated. The next steps in the project are to enlist more members, prepare a new e-rate funding request, install additional sites in the seven regional library districts, and complete the network design by November 1, 2002.

Gianfranco Pezzino, Medical Director for the Bureau of Epidemiology and Disease Prevention, presented a status report on the Health Alert Network (HAN) project (Attachment 8). He said the three-year, $1.6 million federally funded project is a response to the increased concern regarding bio-terrorism. The project involves a cooperative agreement between the state and the federal Centers for Disease Control to establish high-speed emergency communications and notification capability linking all local health departments in Kansas. He reported that 71 of the 99 local health departments are now connected with broadband capability. Each health department has at least one pager for emergency alerts and notifications. If more federal funds become available, the project will expand the notification procedure with a fax process integrated with the national notification system.

Mark Beck, Director of Property Valuation Division, Kansas Department of Revenue, introduced Laura Johnson, Deputy Director, who made a status report on the new Computer-Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) project (Attachment 9). She reported that the project, after beginning software development under contract with DBSI, has been halted.

The contract with DBSI was amended and closed in October 2002. She said PVD paid $328,682.75 of the contracted $1,782,900 for DBSI services. The agency received four of the 13 software modules, but did not pay for any of them, since the modules had not been released to the counties for testing.

The process of revalidating the design document and updating the specifications for a new CAMA system has been initiated, Ms. Johnson reported. By December 2002, a request for proposals is expected to be released in order to secure a proven, existing system that can be modified in order to meet the needs of Kansas. Responses from vendors will be evaluated and consideration also will be given to whether a new system can be built internally. By March 2003, a suitable plan for securing a new CAMA system is anticipated, Ms. Johnson said.

Tuesday, October 22
Morning Session
Room 527-S

Members of the Joint Committee on Information Technology, using individual computers, were introduced to the Budget Division's online Budget Management System by Aaron Dunkel, BMS System Administrator.

Next, members were reintroduced to the updated version of the Legislature's Document Management System, known as Liberty, by Terri Clark, Database Manager, Computer Services Division of Legislative Administrative Services.

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