# MINUTES

## JOINT COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

May 5, 2009
Room 535-N—Statehouse

**Members Present**

Representative Joe McLeland, Chairperson
Senator Tim Huelskamp, Vice-chairperson
Senator Tom Holland
Senator Mike Petersen
Senator Vicki Schmidt
Representative Jim Morrison

**Staff**

Dylan Dear, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Don Heiman, Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

**Conferees**

Denise Moore, Executive Chief Information Technology Officer
Jim Garner, Secretary, Kansas Department of Labor

**Others Attending**

See attached list.

The Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed Don Heiman, who first gave an update on the wiring for the Capitol Restoration Project, saying that all wiring will be Category 5 cable unless specifically exempted from the project. Denise Moore, Executive Chief Information Technology Officer, said certain temporary areas may have Category 3 cable, but eventually the entire building will move to Category 6 cable. The Chairperson agreed that no Category 3 cable should be installed without a specific waiver and Joint Committee on Information Technology (JCIT) approval. A

member commented that the cost differential for Category 3 and Category 5 cable is minimal; the major cost is installation.

Mr. Heiman continued by reviewing the April 29, JCIT testimony of Steve Montgomery, Chief Information Officer, KBI (Attachments 1 and 2). He made several points related to replacing the Central Message Switch (CMS) and subsidizing the dedicated Kansas Criminal Justice Information System (KCJIS) telecommunication circuits to each county:

- The KBI currently subsidizes the mandated law enforcement connectivity to each county, $175,916 for 56-kilobyte circuits and $115,109 for routers;

- Under the new AT&T contract with Division of Information Systems and Communications (DISC) for private virtual network connectivity, T1 lines are $459 per month and 64-K circuits are $293 per month, per line;

- KAN-Ed buys bandwidth from the same AT&T contract;

- Budget options for the dedicated circuit subsidies include:

  o Drop all subsidies, saving $291,025;

  o Fund 64-K lines under the new contract, costing an additional $193,264; or

  o Continue the current subsidy.

- The CMS project costs is $605,000. The KBI currently has sufficient funds to address the circuit upgrades and does not need to divert funds allocated to the CMS. However, removing the $605,000 from the KBI budget will erode the agency's ability to cover existing expenditures.

Denise Moore, Executive Chief Information Technology Officer, stated that only $291,250 in new funds are required for the CMS project (Attachment 3).

In discussion, members noted the priority of the CMS project over the dedicated circuit upgrade and considered dropping the subsidies to counties. Steve Montgomery commented that dropping the dedicated lines would eliminate the agency's ability to monitor the circuits and that some counties rely on DISC's firewall. Members discussed ways to restore funding through the Senate Ways and Means and the House Appropriations Committees. Members considered the possibility of sharing bandwidth with another entity such as KAN-Ed. Ms. Moore commented that sharing KAN-Ed bandwidth was possible if the KBI line were in close proximity to a library, school, or hospital; she noted that currently 35 sites are co-located. A member, emphasizing the importance of the CMS, stated that 2.5 million transactions occur annually on the KCJIS network.

Jim Garner, Secretary, Kansas Department of Labor, responding to a JCIT request for more information regarding canceling an IBM contract on the Unemployment Insurance Modernization Project, apologized for not informing the Committee that the project had been put on hold, further commenting that even without IBM's involvement the project is going forward based on the design work completed by IBM. He said a platform is being built for the new system, servers have been consolidated, document processing has been centralized, an electronic fax server is operating, and a central call center has been established. Because of the crush of new unemployment claims, he

said the project would have been put on hold regardless in order to divert staff to help expedite claims.

*A motion was made, seconded, and <u>passed</u> 4-2, to request an audit of the project by Legislative Post Audit. (Motion by Senator Huelskamp, seconded by Senator Petersen)*

Members congratulated Ms. Moore on her new position and acknowledged her sterling service to the state as Director of DISC and as Executive Chief Information Technology Officer.

Mr. Garner answered questions from members, saying that Maximus is still providing independent validation for the project and solutions other than IBM are being implemented.

The meeting was adjourned. No further meeting was scheduled.

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Approved by Committee on:

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