

Jworks Project Extension Summary & Review



Project History

- ▶ 2008 – The Courts decided and recommended to the Board of Commissioners to replace their Mainframe Court Application with the MiCourt Desktop application from SCAO that was hosted by SCAO
- ▶ 2009 – Court/County agreed to be a pilot Court/County and started the migration of the Court Applications to the MiCourt Desktop Applications
- ▶ A plan was put together to replace all Mainframe applications with network applications in a seven year period
- ▶ 2016 – SCAO announces that they have made a decision to stop Implementing MiCourt Desktop Application.
- ▶ 2017 - RFP Process began
- ▶ 2018 – 9 vendors provided bids, Equivant was selected, Contract was negotiated and signed.
- ▶ 2019 - Project kicked off January 16th, with Resolution for Prosecutor's application being approved in June.



Original Project Contract

Original Contract amounts

- ▶ \$2,099,375 Upfront cost
- ▶ \$210,375 1st year of Maintenance for Courts (at go live)
- ▶ \$50,800 1st year Maintenance For Prosecutor (at go live)

Courts Resolution amount

- ▶ \$2,175,000 Upfront cost (including hardware)

Prosecutor Resolution amount

- ▶ \$430,000 Upfront cost (including hardware)

Original Project Total Budget

- ▶ \$2,605,000 Upfront Cost
- ▶ \$261,175 1st year Maintenance Cost



Original Project Schedule

- ▶ Project was broken into two (2) phases
 - ▶ Phase I – Civil / Probate / Juvenile / Prosecutor’s Civil & Juvenile
 - ▶ Phase II – Criminal / Traffic / Prosecutor’s Criminal
- ▶ Both phases to be completed within 24 months of contract signing
- ▶ Phase 1 Go-Live was scheduled for April 13th, 2020
- ▶ Phase 2 Go-Live was scheduled for December 14th, 2020



Extension Project Schedule

- ▶ Project still broken into two (2) phases
 - ▶ Phase I – Civil / Probate / Prosecutor's Civil
 - ▶ Phase II – Criminal / Traffic / Juvenile / Prosecutor's Criminal & Juvenile
- ▶ Both phases to be completed within 36 months of contract signing
- ▶ Phase 1 Go-Live is scheduled for December 7th, 2020
- ▶ Phase 2 Go-Live is scheduled for December 6th, 2021



Reasons for the Extension

- ▶ Jworks is a new product from Equivant that is highly customizable
 - ▶ Equivant's other product (Court View) is in use by several other Counties in the State of Michigan.
- ▶ Equivant is developing the Jworks application as it is being configured by the County's System Administrators. This has created delays in the configuration process. Features that were supposed to be available at original go-live will not be available until later this year.
- ▶ The existing Mainframe system was developed in house and used over a 38 year period. Neither Equivant nor Berrien County could fully anticipate the amount of work needed to prepare and transition the Mainframe data into the Jworks system.
 - ▶ The project began with 3 System Administrators working on configuration in conjunction with regular duties. The number of system admins has since been expanded to 5. 2 admins working full time and the remaining 3 meeting 2 full days per week in a dedicated room.
- ▶ Berrien County is the first County where Jworks is being used by both the Courts and Prosecutor.
 - ▶ The joint nature of the project has required additional work building security between the two entities to meet existing requirements.



Cost for the Extension

Equivant's Cost

- ▶ Berrien County Trial Courts - \$96,664.00
- ▶ Berrien County Prosecutor's Office - \$16,185.00

Berrien County's Cost

- ▶ Personnel Costs - \$150,000.00
- ▶ Hardware and Service Contingency - \$130,000

Total Extension Cost

- ▶ \$392,849.00



Extension Cost by Year

2020

- ▶ Berrien County Personnel Costs - \$30,000
- ▶ Hardware and Service Contingency – \$65,000

2021

- ▶ Equivant Costs – \$112,849
- ▶ Berrien County Personnel Costs - \$120,000
- ▶ Hardware and Service Contingency - \$65,000



Explanation for Contingency

- ▶ Conservative estimate to cover upcoming and unknown costs
- ▶ Equivant is still developing scanning module. May require additional desktop scanners above what was originally estimated
- ▶ Implementation of e-Services will require changes to our existing Internet Service to accommodate increased demand.
- ▶ In 2019 the project had unforeseen costs. Need to plan for similar occurrences in 2020 & 2021.
- ▶ Our goal is not to use the contingency, but to prevent the need for board approval if additional funding is needed for the project.



