

**DISCUSSION BRIEF
EDMS CONFERENCE CALL
(Special Session)
Thursday, October 24, 2002**

In Attendance:

**Boyd Johnson
Randy Kennedy (for Daniel Edwards)
Diane Drain
Sheri Newman
Rick Rager
Robert Brutinel**

**Maureen Haggerty
Ted Wilson
Pam Pucetas**

- Prior to this afternoon's call, Maureen sent out a draft that outlined the workgroup's recommendations that were based on past discussions. There were enough participants on this call to discuss and approve the recommendations. After discussions bulleted below, the group approved of the recommendations to be presented to the COT.
- Discussion focused on the need to change statute 12-282 that states the Superior Court Clerks of Court must maintain the records at the county seat. This became one of the recommendations of the group. The statute has been in existence for since 1864 and it is time for updating of the language, to reflect the 21st century and accommodate changes from paper documents stored in file cabinets to electronic documents saved to various data storage devices. The committee recommended that the language be changed to stress "access" to records at the county seat and Clerk of Court" custody of the records from a management and legal perspective. Sheri asked that the Clerks' Association be involved in the drafting of the statute changes and that the clerks should pursue the changes as soon as practical.
- Concerns were expressed over local implementation and future considerations that were not addressed. Members of the committee agreed that there are issues that will need to be considered, at some point. But there is, currently, no infrastructure in place to accommodate the centralized option. And there are courts with money in hand and have wanted to implement since June. We should not step in the way of their implementation. Rather, there should be forums held for continued dialog regarding EDMS.

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