

Jayson Hoppe

From: Tom Hickner
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 11:37 AM
To: Jayson Hoppe
Cc: Debra Russell; Shawna Walraven; Amber Johnson
Subject: FW: county clerk: lawsuit item (MERTS - Clerk Campaign Finance Software)

From: Tom Hickner
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 2:32 PM
To: Julie Coppens
Cc: Crystal Hebert; Robert Redmond; Amber Johnson; Debra Russell; Tim Quinn; Tom Hickner
Subject: RE: county clerk: lawsuit item (MERTS - Clerk Campaign Finance Software)

Ok

From: Julie Coppens
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 2:31 PM
To: Tom Hickner
Cc: Crystal Hebert; Robert Redmond; Amber Johnson; Debra Russell; Tim Quinn
Subject: RE: county clerk: lawsuit item (MERTS - Clerk Campaign Finance Software)

There is no specific documentation about the MERTS software that was sent to the Clerk. I just have the email below that Deb talked to the Clerk in person on December 16, 2014.

From: Tom Hickner
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 2:30 PM
To: Julie Coppens
Cc: Crystal Hebert; Robert Redmond; Amber Johnson; Debra Russell; Tim Quinn; Tom Hickner
Subject: county clerk: lawsuit item (MERTS - Clerk Campaign Finance Software)

Do we have any documentation that we advised the Clerk of why the decision was made to wait?

From: Julie Coppens
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 11:57 AM
To: Tom Hickner; Robert Redmond; Jayson Hoppe; Tim Quinn; Debra Russell; Amber Johnson; Crystal Hebert
Subject: FW: MERTS - Clerk Campaign Finance Software

Back in December is when we discussed the software. I have spoken with the Director of CFE of the State and it looks like the system for counties will be available in 2017.

From: Deb Schmiede
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 2:53 PM
To: Julie Coppens; Crystal Hebert
Subject: RE: MERTS - Clerk Campaign Finance Software

FYI - I spoke to Cindy and let her know about the MERTS. I believe she is planning on going to the

MACC (Michigan Assc. of County Clerks) in January.

Deb

From: Julie Coppens
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 1:35 PM
To: Deb Schmiede; Crystal Hebert
Subject: FW: MERTS - Clerk Campaign Finance Software

Deb,

Please talk to Clerk and let her know what you found as we need to let her know we are going to wait on the software until MERTS is available. The AS/400 is not going to be removed for at least 24 months.

Thanks,
Julie

From: Crystal Hebert
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 1:25 PM
To: Julie Coppens
Subject: RE: MERTS - Clerk Campaign Finance Software

Julie,

Hello. Would you or your staff be comfortable letting the clerk know since we were the party that told her the platform was going away?

Thanks,

Crystal

From: Tom Hickner
Sent: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 11:22 AM
To: Julie Coppens
Cc: Crystal Hebert; Robert Redmond; Tim Quinn; Shawna Walraven; Debra Russell
Subject: Re: MERTS - Clerk Campaign Finance Software

Makes sense to me to wait

On Dec 15, 2014, at 12:33 PM, "Julie Coppens" <CoppensJ@baycounty.net> wrote:

Greetings,

ISD has researched the possibility of using MERTS for the Clerk in lieu of purchasing software from Campaign Finance USA. Deb Schmiede, who worked on the original AS/400 system researched and spoke with Tim Snow, Kalamazoo County Clerk. After speaking with Kalamazoo County, we discovered the State is still working on MERTS. There is a planning committee that is meeting in January where a demo is slated to take place of the MERTS software. The State is putting a lot of effort into making the software a reality. There is a spring deadline of potentially demoing MERTS to all of County Clerks. Deb has asked the Kalamazoo County Clerk to provide updates when they come available as he is on the MERTS planning committee.

It is the recommendation of ISD to wait and see what the MERTS system will offer and potentially register for MERTS when it becomes available. We have time available as we will not be removing the

AS/400 system any time in the next 24 months. If we can save money and use a system every other county uses, it is very advantageous.

Thank you,
Julie

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