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An update on the activities of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority

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Board Meeting Review

The Board of Directors of the Georgia Superior Court Clerks' Cooperative Authority convened on July 12, 2002, at the Authority office for their quarterly meeting.

General Business:

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of their January 9, 2002, and February 6, 2002, board meetings.

The Board also unanimously approved the budget proposal for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

Auditor's Report:

Greg Morgan of Mauldin & Jenkins presented the Auditor's Report to the Board. Mr. Morgan noted that Authority project commitments have been reduced as operating cash is used to pay for the historical deed project. Funds for SB50, provided through a grant, are held by the Authority in a separate account from the general operating account. Mr. Morgan stated that the SB50 funds are held in a "Restricted Cash" account for expenses occurring only in relation to SB50. The report was unanimously approved by the Board.

Historical Deed Project:

A preliminary Deed Indexing Standards Supplement was presented to the Board by Phil Kobierowski. Mr. Kobierowski recom-

mended that all vendors adhere to the Supplemental Standards. Discussion revolved around making the Supplement more of a guideline as opposed to mandatory. Mr. Wilkes stated that the Supplement should be mandatory for everyone involved, not just vendors providing indexing services. Ms.

Rogers suggested that the Supplement be presented to all clerks for comments and suggestions. Mr. Wilkes suggested that the same process should be conducted with vendors. Mr. Kobierowski was instructed by the board to make necessary changes before the Supplemental Standards were presented to

all clerks for comments.

Updates on Other On-going Projects:

- **Offender-based Tracking System (OBTS)/SB50** — Vendors are continuing to be tested. Phil Kobierowski is working with GCIC to facilitate testing of the system which will then be introduced to the counties after complete testing.
- **Protective Order Registry/SB57** — Four new forms were introduced for use in the Protective Order Registry. The Board accepted a proposal to approve the forms pending formal review.
- **Plat Project** — A discussion was held on the Plat Project which, by legislative mandate, will be operational by 2004.

*Check out the new
"Files & Forms"
section on the
Authority
website.*

- **Data Warehouse Project** — George Olive gave a brief explanation of the Data Warehouse project and progress on the back-up data center. Mr. Olive stated that the data warehouse would provide storage and access to data derived from different areas. After a brief discussion, a suggestion was made for Mr. Williams to contact vendors and organize a meeting concerning the data warehouse project.
- **DSL Service** — Mr. Myers related that DSL connections have been installed where the service is available. The goal is to have 40% of the counties installed with DSL service. ■

Website adds new “Files & Forms” section

Visit the new “Files & Forms” section on the Authority website. This new section provides a repository for all Authority files and forms. To expedite your search for information, the documents have been organized by project: Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), Real Estate, Civil Initiation and Disposition Project (SB176), Protective Order Registry (SB57), and Notary. ■

SB57 Forms Available

The most current forms for the Protective Order Registry are now available on the Authority’s website under the new “Files & Forms” section. The forms include:

- Family Violence Ex Parte Protective Order
- Family Violence Six Month Protective Order
- Stalking Ex Parte Temporary Protective Order
- Stalking Six Month Protective Order
- Dismissal of Temporary Protective Order

Statewide Lien & Plat Indexes Under Construction

As an extension of the Authority’s Real Estate Project, the Lien Index is currently under construction. Test counties will be coming online this fall, and a link with a preview of the site will be available in the near future. The legislation that passed in 2002 mandates that the statewide system be

operational by 2004. The Authority’s Plat Index has been operational with test counties for the past year. The legislation also requires that plats and maps be online as part of the statewide system by 2004. ■

UCC Reminder

On a daily basis, the Authority receives many questions and comments from filing parties concerning UCCs. Recently, based on calls from filers, some counties have not returned UCC acknowledgement copies, even though the filing party has followed acknowledgment copy request rules. The law provides the following:

11-9-523. Information from filing office and central indexing system; sale or license of records.

(a) Acknowledgment of filing written record. If a person that files a written record requests an acknowledgment of the filing, the filing office shall send to the person an image of the record showing the number assigned to the record pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 11-9-519 (assign a unique number to the filed record) and the date and time of the filing of the record. However, if the person furnishes a copy of the record to the filing office, the filing office may instead:

- (1) Note upon the copy the number assigned to the record pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section 11-9-519 and the date and time of the filing of the record; and*
- (2) Send the copy to the person.*

In other words, the filing party may request an acknowledgment copy by simply entering the return information in block B of the UCC-1 or UCC-3, or by providing a copy of the filing that should be returned after being stamped with the filing information. We have suggested to filing parties to include a self-addressed stamped envelope but this is not required. Please contact the Authority at anytime with questions or comments of your own or from filing parties. ■

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