

Search Warrant Task Force Securing Committee July 22, 2021

Minutes

I. Securing Committee Convened

- a. Attendees were Honorable Denise Bentley, Honorable Judge Charles Cunningham, Mayor Jeff Gregory, Commissioner Nicolai Jilek, Honorable Ramon McGee (virtual), and Honorable David L. Nicholson (virtual).
- b. Jilek nominated Bentley as committee chair. Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Opening Comments

a. Bentley requests a briefing on the last committee meeting. McGee and Jilek provided an update on the type, amount, and accessibility of search warrant data available in Kentucky.

III. Discussion

- a. Bentley asked about a timeline for data collection. The committee discussed the amount of time it will take to gather and analyze e-warrant data vs. bench warrant data.
- b. Jilek noted that the use of e-warrants might vary across the Commonwealth. The committee discussed processes, procedures, and data collection for rejected search warrants applications.
- c. McGee noted the importance of tracking rejected search warrant applications as well as granted search warrants. The committee discussed the definition of rejected warrants and whether e-warrants would allow rejected search warrant applications to be tracked.
- d. Cunningham and Jilek noted that e-warrants work well from a judicial and law enforcement perspective. Bentley asked if the e-warrant system would meet all needs. Cunningham expressed the remaining need to prevent judge shopping.
- e. Bentley motioned to approve the minutes. A motion was made, it was seconded, and the motion passed.

IV. Adjournment.

a. Jilek made a motion to adjourn. Cunningham seconded it. The meeting adjourned.