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### Lake County Approves New Case Management System

Lake County Circuit Court Clerk, Erin Cartwright Weinstein and the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court are excited to announce that Journal Technologies (JTI) has been selected as vendor for the County's new Integrated Case Management System (ICMS). The new ICMS will incorporate operations for the Circuit Clerk's Office, 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court, as well as both the State's Attorney and Public Defender's offices. Journal was one of eight vendors that responded to the County's Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new case management system which was issued on October 5, 2017. After months of demonstrations, reference checks and deliberation, Journal Technologies' eCourt, eProsecutor and eDefender solutions were selected as the products that would best match the needs of the four departments.

On April 9, 2019 the County Board voted in favor of Journal Technologies as the vendor for the new ICMS. On May 15, 2019, Lake County and Journal Technologies completed negotiations and entered into a contract. Additionally, MTG Management Consultants, L.L.C. has been hired to assist the Lake County justice partners to ensure that contract terms are being met and that there is continued collaboration between the four departments throughout implementation.

Since 1997, Lake County has been operating on a legacy mainframe system that is unable to provide necessary data sharing for the court system or keep up with current technologies and efficiencies. Additional applications and products had to be developed over the years to supplement new processes that the outdated system could not accommodate. The new web browser-based system is more configurable and therefore the departments can design the ICMS to meet each of their individual needs. Information will be more accessible to the public, and individuals will be able to obtain data and documents from their homes and offices, and no longer have to travel to the courthouse for basic services. "The new ICMS will not only increase accessibility and efficiencies of our services, but will ultimately save tax payer dollars," stated Circuit Clerk Cartwright Weinstein.

The new ICMS will cost approximately \$3.8 million dollars for the next four years which includes not only the cost for the three-year implementation process but also the first year of maintenance for all four departments. Thereafter, the JTI product will cost approximately \$733,000 annually. This will reduce the County's cost to maintain a case management system by approximately 50% yearly. JTI is expected to have the system fully operational by May of 2022.