

**FY 2021-2022 Virginia Beach Budget  
Response to Council Questions**

**Question Number:** 43

**Question:** How can we better our relationship with your department?

**Date Requested:** 4/6/21

**Requested By:** Councilmember Wooten

**Department:** Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court

**Response:** Over the last year, City staff has been engaged with various Courts to regularly discuss Information Technology needs, security, and maintenance needs. Quarterly meetings have been occurring between IT and Courts over the last year. The product is a \$1.2 million CIP project included in the City Manager's Proposed budget to address the majority of Court's technological needs in the near future. City staff has also routinely worked with Courts to install the City's Lenel security access system throughout the courthouse. Coordination of these efforts has been difficult as, at the request of Courts, this work is to be done after hours and on weekends. The request by Courts is for security purposes. Despite these challenges the work continues to be completed.

To ensure that the work continues to be completed in the most expeditious manner, quarterly meetings have been arranged between Deputy City Manager Ron Williams, City staff, and Court staff. These meetings will be similar to the meeting already occurring between Courts and IT; however, future meetings will be more comprehensive to include Facilities Maintenance. The goal is to ensure that everyone has a clear understanding of project timelines and Court needs.