

IT Focus Group - Activity Update

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Video Arraignment

Summary Background: In 2009 and in an attempt to achieve operational efficiencies and curb rising transportation costs; the Board requested that the focus group research what it would take to get six recognized priority sites (County Jails) up and running with video arraignment. As part of this research effort we did take a detailed look at the specific sites identified but also spent much time researching other components of the statewide video arraignment footprint.

The results of this research were included as part of a final report that we presented to the Board last year. This report included a detailed analysis of 'what it would take' to bring the priority sites on line but also much more to include: conclusions and recommendations, a statewide snapshot, estimates for implementation efforts and costs and an overview of the DOC facilities. **Important Note:** This document may have much of the information needed for response to LD 1438 and has since been shared with the AOC.

Following the presentation of this document – our group went to work with implementation of the priority sites.

--Sites Completed --

- **Oxford County** – Currently using when the local Court is not available - to arraign prisoners via video at the Lewiston District Court.
- **Penobscot** – Is now using video to arraign their entire in-custody population.
- **Franklin County*** – Is structured very similar as Oxford in that they will when the local Court is not available - to arraign prisoners via video at the Lewiston District Court.
- **Waldo*** – We have worked with Waldo to address and work through video arraignment issues with the current established protocols with Two Bridges Regional Jail. We are also working with Waldo to get their Jail positioned to be able to arraign Waldo prisoners at the Belfast District Court via video.

*Indicates site that will be fully implemented within 4-6 weeks.

--Sites in Progress—

- Knox County
- Wrap up of Franklin and Waldo

--Other Potential Future Sites—

- Cumberland
- Androscoggin
- Washington
- Other