

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

December 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Place: Woolfolk Building – DFA, Room 145, 501 North West Street Jackson,

Commission Members Present:	
MS Department of Public Safety	Magee, Ken (Chairman)
MS Department of Emergency Management	Smithson, Lee (Vice-Chairman)
MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks	Bolden, Michael
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve
MS Department of Transportation	Huff, Willie
MS Department of Information Technology Services	Johnson, David
MS Association of Fire Chiefs	Lariviere, Tom
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Loper, Don
MS Department of Corrections	McAfee, Audrey
MS Office of Homeland Security	McKee, Mark
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris
MS Police Chiefs	Waggener, Perry
Advisory Members Present:	
Senate Appropriations Committee	Burton, Senator Terry

Chairman Ken Magee called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed everyone. Chairman Magee recognized the presence of Senator Terry Burton. Chairman Magee then called for the review of the November 2, 2017 meeting minutes. Chairman Magee entertained a motion to approve the November 2, 2017 minutes, as they were transmitted. Chief Willie Huff made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Donald Loper, and the motion carried with none opposed.

Ms. Vicki Helfrich provided the MSWIN Project Update for November 2017. She reported information on MOUs executed, radios loaned out, and activities the WCC staff participated in during the month. Ms. Helfrich also provided information on the number of current MSWIN users, number of users projected for the 4th Quarter, top ten (10) state agencies by system use, and top ten (10) local/other agencies by system use.

Mr. Bill Buffington provided an update on the MSWIN build-out status. Mr. Buffington reported construction is complete and buildings are on site at both Camp Shelby site locations. Electrical power has been installed at both sites and generators will be connected. Site inspection is set for next Thursday. With FEMA approval received, the Detailed Design Plan (DDP) is set for the Oxford water tower site next week. The Parchman Site is moving along. Ms. Helfrich asked for any questions.

Ms. Helfrich then gave an update on contract status with no changes to report. DHS has unofficially notified Staff that the MICG grant extension request will be granted. DHS staff is behind on paperwork due to recent hurricane activity. Ms. Helfrich then noted that the current MICG Grant expiration date is December 31, 2017.

Chairman Magee called for the report of the Procurement Review Committee. Chairman Perry Waggener reported three (3) procurement requests brought before the Local Procurement Committee, the first request submitted from Washington County in the amount of \$120,520.00 for the purchase of forty (40) Motorola APX4500 mobile radios. Chairman Waggener then noted that this request was approved by the LPR Committee and requires no further action from the full Commission. The second procurement request submitted from City of Greenville Police Department in the amount of \$146,700.09 for the purchase of fifty-two (52) speaker microphones with body worn cameras and accessories for portable Motorola APX radios. This request did not meet the threshold for Full Committee approval and was approved by the LPR Committee. The third procurement request was submitted by the MS Highway Patrol in the amount of \$167,590.00 for the purchase of AES encryption for three-hundred (300) Motorola radios and dual band upgrade for eighteen (18) Motorola radios. This was a subsequent request from MHP, did not meet the threshold for Full Committee approval, and was approved by the LPR Committee with no further action needed. Chairman Magee asked for any questions.

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Chairman Magee called for the report of the Governance/Interoperability Committee. Chief Willie Huff had nothing to report. Chief Huff then noted that the Governance/Interoperability Committee will schedule a meeting to review a request from UMMC and MHP as it relates to governance.

Chairman Magee called for the report of the FirstNet RFP Committee. Chairman Magee reported that the FirstNet RFP Committee met with AT&T as well as both vendors that responded to RFP 4023, CSpire Public Safety and Rivada MS, to review and adequately understand each proposal to buildout a public safety network to serve the needs of the first responders for the State of Mississippi. Chairman Magee noted that multiple factors have come into play in the final recommendation of this Committee and it is one that each of the Committee Members takes very seriously. This decision will result in a twenty-five (25) year contract for public safety broadband services. Chairman Magee stated that the deadline for the Governor's decision to opt in or opt out is December 28, 2017. We will have a decision by that time from the FirstNet RFP Committee to the Full Commission to pass on to the Governor before that deadline. Chairman Magee then asked for any questions or comments.

Mr. Tom Lariviere then commented that he thinks there are still some moving parts to this that have to be explored and since the Commission has not come together to make this decision, he then made a motion for a called special meeting on Friday, December 22, 2017 at 11:00 AM to: (1) consider the report and recommendation of the FirstNet RFP Committee of the WCC regarding proposals submitted in response to RFP No. 4023 issued by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS) for Project No. 43823 to Design, build, finance, operate, and maintain a statewide wireless broadband system, including the Long Term Evolution (LTE) radio access network (RAN) and state core that will be fully interoperable with the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) for the National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN); and (2) the WCC's recommendation to the Governor regarding his decision, on behalf of the State of Mississippi, to opt-in or opt-out of the state plan provided to him by FirstNet for the NPSBN. Chairman Magee then entertained a second to the motion by Mr. Tom Lariviere for a called special meeting to be held on December 22, 2017, 11:00 AM, in DFA Room 145 of the Woolfolk Building at 501 North West Street, Jackson, MS. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lee Smithson, and the motion carried with none opposed. Mr. Tom Lariviere then asserted that Staff needs to make sure that the called special meeting should be properly noticed and scheduled ahead of time.

Chairman Magee called for approval of expenditures. Mr. David Johnson reported the FY18 financial update through November 2017. The current month's operating general fund expenses totaled just over \$1 million. The remaining part of the Capital Expense Fund was expended during the month which was the carry over deficit from FY17 in the amount of \$131,000, balance being reduced to zero, and brings the total operating for the month of November 2017 at \$1.1 million in expenditures. In grant activity, \$4,584.00 program income was collected and credited to the MICG award. In BTOP Grant funds, expenditures for the month of November 2017 were at \$931,000. Operating expenses were high this month due to the quarterly system maintenance payment for maintenance and repair. Mr. Johnson noted ITS did request and received approval to move money from the second allotment period to the first allotment period. Chairman Magee then noted that ITS Finance will track spending as we go through the Legislature to get through to the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Helfrich stated that Staff has submitted the deficit request to the Legislature in the amount of approximately \$2.4 million dollars. Chairman Magee asked if there were questions. Chairman Magee called for a motion to approve the November 2017 monthly expenditures. Mr. Lariviere made a motion to approve the monthly expenditures, the motion was seconded by Mr. Steve Gray, and the motion carried with none opposed.

Chairman Magee asked for any other business.

With no other business to discuss, the Chairman announced that the next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, January 4, 2018, 1:30 PM, in DFA Room 145 of the Woolfolk Building at 501 North West Street, Jackson, MS. The Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Tom Lariviere made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Lee Smithson, and the motion carried with none opposed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:47 PM.

NOTICE OF CALLED SPECIAL MEETING

On December 7, 2017, the Mississippi Wireless Communication Commission (WCC) voted to hold a called special meeting on **December 22, 2017 at 11:00 AM in Room 145 of the Woolfolk Building, 501 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi.**

The subject matter of the called special meeting will be: (1) Consideration of the report and recommendation of the FirstNet RFP Committee of the WCC regarding proposals submitted in response to RFP No. 4023 issued by the Mississippi Department of Information Technology Services (ITS) for Project No. 43823 to design, build, finance, operate, and maintain a statewide wireless broadband system, including the Long Term Evolution (LTE) radio access network (RAN) and state core that will be fully interoperable with the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) for the National Public Safety Broadband Network (NPSBN); and (2) the WCC's recommendation to the Governor regarding his decision, on behalf of the State of Mississippi, to opt-in or opt-out of the state plan provided to him by FirstNet for the NPSBN, as provided for in the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012.