

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

December 6, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Place: MDWFP Building, Commission Conference Room, 1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS

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| Commission Members Present: | |
| MS Department of Transportation | Huff, Willie (Chairman) |
| MS Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks | Bolden, Michael (Vice-Chairman) |
| MS National Guard | Causey, Lt. Col. Ray |
| MS Department of Public Safety | Davis, Mandy |
| MS Association of Supervisors | Gray, Steve |
| 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 Department of Emergency Management | Michel, Greg |
| MS Association of Police Chiefs | Waggener, Perry |
| Advisory Members Present: | |
| Senate Appropriations Committee | Burton, Senator Terry |
| House Public Utilities Committee | Steverson, Representative Jody |

Chairman Willie Huff called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed everyone. Chairman Huff then called for the review of the November 1, 2018 minutes. Mr. Steve Gray made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Don Loper, and the motion carried with none opposed.

Ms. Vicki Helfrich provided the MSWIN Project Update for November 2018. She reported information on special event talk groups assigned, radios loaned out, activities the WCC staff participated in during the month, the number of current MSWIN users, top ten (10) state agencies by system use, and top ten (10) Local/other agencies by system use.

Mr. Bill Buffington then provided an update on the MSWIN build-out status. Mr. Buffington reported both Camp Shelby sites are operational pending RF antenna replacements. The Oxford Site is partially complete awaiting RF antenna replacements and the installation of the microwave equipment. The Parchman Site is awaiting acceptance testing. Staff is also expecting due diligence to begin soon for the Canton Tower Site.

Ms. Helfrich then gave an update on the contract status. Ms. Helfrich noted that the MICG Grant filing has been extended to December 16, 2019, for one (1) year. She then reported that the SpectraSite tower lease renewals are now on the ITS Board Agenda for December 13 to be presented for final approval.

Chairman Huff then entertained debate on the issue of whether the Commission should support a public rulemaking docket by the FCC on the subject of interoperability between first responders utilizing data devices not operating on FirstNet. Upon conclusion of the discussion the Chair expressed the sense of the Commission that it should support such efforts, and after entertaining objections thereto and none being expressed by any Member, the Chair directed the Executive Officer in open meeting to send a letter of general support on behalf of the WCC to the FCC for the aforementioned public rulemaking docket.

Chairman Huff called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Chairman Perry Waggener reported that there were three (3) procurement requests to be reviewed for the month. The first procurement request was submitted by the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) Public Safety Support Division in the amount of \$289,953.20 in order to purchase APX 6000 portable radios and chargers to be utilized for the Just in Time Training and to support interoperability with public safety agencies paid for by grant funding. Chairman Waggener then made a motion on behalf of the Procurement Committee for Full Commission approval, seconded by Lt. Col. Ray Causey, and motion carried with none opposed. The second procurement request was submitted by the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) for Emergency Services in the amount of \$749,918.80 for control stations and dispatch consoles, furniture and to move existing

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equipment in order to integrate to the new Mississippi Center for Emergency Services Building. Chairman Waggener then made a motion on behalf of the Procurement Committee for Full Commission approval, seconded by Mr. Don Loper, and motion carried with none opposed. The third procurement request was submitted by West Point-Clay County in the amount of \$173,575.48 in order to replace the existing Hytera VHF System and radios with MSWIN compatible equipment, and was approved by the Procurement Committee with no further action from the Full Commission.

Chairman Huff called for the report of the Governance/Interoperability Committee. Chairman Huff had nothing to report.

Chairman Huff called for the report of the Bylaws Committee. Lt. Col. Ray Causey reported that the proposed amendments were posted to the MS Secretary of State website, no comments were received, and the WCC is free to move forward with making the proposed Bylaw revisions permanent. Lt. Col. Ray Causey then made a motion to adopt the proposed amendments to 36 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 101, Chapter 2, as final, seconded by Mr. Michael Bolden, abstained by Mr. David Johnson, and the motion carried as approved. Lt. Col. Ray Causey then made a second motion to authorize the WCC Executive Officer, or her designee, to submit to the Secretary of State, the adopted amendments to 36 Admin. Code Pt. 101, Chapter 2 as final, in compliance with Miss. Code Ann. § 25-43-3.101, et seq., and other provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act and related regulations, seconded by Mr. Perry Waggener, abstained by Mr. David Johnson, and the motion carried as approved.

Chairman Huff called for approval of expenditures. Mr. David Johnson provided the current month's FY19 financial report through November 30th including operating expenses, deficit funding, grant funding, and program income as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity reports. Chairman Huff called for any discussion. With no further discussion, Mr. Tom Lariviere made a motion to approve the monthly expenditures, seconded by Mr. Greg Michel, and the motion carried with none opposed.

The Chairman called for any Other Business. With no further business to discuss, Chairman Huff announced that the next monthly meeting will be January 3, 2019, 1:30 PM, in Room 145 of the Woolfolk Building at 501 North West Street, Jackson, MS. Chairman Huff entertained a motion to adjourn. Lt. Col. Ray Causey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Michel, and the motion carried with none opposed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:16 PM.