

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

November 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

Commission Members Present:	
MS Department of Transportation	Huff, Willie (Chairman)
MS Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks	Bolden, Michael (Vice-Chairman)
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, Donald
MS Department of Emergency Management	Buseck, Bob
MS Department of Health	Vaughn, Wayne
MS Association of Sheriffs	Patten, Travis
MS Department of Environmental Equality	Sanders, Chris
MS Association of Police Chiefs	Waggener, Perry
MS Office of Homeland Security	Williams, Jenny
Advisory Members Present:	
Senate Appropriations Committee	Burton, Senator Terry
House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee	Beckett, Representative Jim

Chairman Willie Huff called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed everyone. Chairman Huff then called for the review of the October 3, 2019 minutes. Chairman Huff called for a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Tom Lariviere made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Jenny Williams, and the motion carried with none opposed.

Ms. Karana Carroll, Administrative Officer, then provided the MSWIN Status Update for October 2019. She reported information on MOUs, special event talk groups assigned, activities the WCC staff participated in during the month, the number of current MSWIN users, the number of push-to-talks, the top ten (10) state agencies/number of devices by system use, and the top ten (10) local/other agencies/number of devices by system use.

Ms. Carroll provided an update on WCC contract status. There were no changes.

Mr. Bill Buffington provided an update on the WCC projects. Two (2) projects are pending FEMA approval – Canton and John C. Stennis Space Center. WCC is anticipating completion of the Canton project by the end of the year. Four (4) vendors are looking to co-locate – AT&T, T-Mobile, FirstNet, and Verizon. Additionally, Mr. Buffington commented on the old radios (FDMA) being used by some entities and that the commission needs to encourage them to upgrade to the newer radios (TDMA).

Chairman Huff called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Chairman Perry Waggener reported that there was one (1) procurement request. This request was from the City of Ridgeland for \$543,675.00 to upgrade radios and includes 105 APX 4000 portable radios, 67 APX 4500 & 1500 mobile radios, and microwave system repair. Approval for this request is pending until receipt of official minutes from the Ridgeland Board of Alderman which met on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Ridgeland Police Chief, John Neal, was present and had no comments. Commissioner Waggener made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Wayne Vaughn, and the motion carried with none opposed.

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Chairman Huff called for the report of the Governance/Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Lariviere stated there was nothing to report. The committee had not yet met.

Chairman Huff called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner David Johnson provided the financial reports for October 2019, including general funds, grant funds, 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, Commissioner Vaughn motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Lariviere, and the motion carried with none opposed.

Chairman Huff called for Other Business. Commissioner Lariviere questioned whether the Commission should refer the Decision on Review of the Jackson County Emergency Communication District Procurement Request, adopted by the Commission on October 3, 2019, to the Office of the State Auditor. After discussion, Chairman Huff called for a motion to refer the Commission's findings to the Office of the State Auditor for their review to determine whether further action is warranted. Commissioner Lariviere motioned to refer the report, seconded by Commissioner Waggener, and the motion carried with none opposed and with Commissioner Steve Gray abstaining.

With no further business to report, Chairman Huff then announced the next monthly meeting will be at 1:30 PM, December 5, 2019, in Room 145 of the Woolfolk Building at 501 North West Street, Jackson, MS. Chairman Huff entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Vaughn motioned to close and the motion carried with none opposed.

 11/26/19
Attested: Executive Officer/Date

 12/5/19
Approved: Chair or Vice Chair/Date