

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION  
 December 7, 2023  
 MS Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks, Conference Room  
 1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS

<b>Commission Members</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>In</b>
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy (Chairman)	Yes
MS Department of Health	Craig, Jim (Vice Chairman)	No
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Bailey, Matt	Yes
MS National Guard	Causey, Lt. Col. Ray	Yes
MS Department of Transportation	Cohen, Ben	Yes
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	No
MS Office of Homeland Security	Kruger, Baxter	Yes
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Loper, Donald	Yes
MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks	Mann, Doug	Yes
MS Department of Corrections	McAfee, Audrey	Yes
MS Emergency Management Agency	McCraney, Stephen	No
MS Municipal League	Moore, Glen	Yes
MS Sheriff's Association	Mullins, Paul	No
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris	Yes
MS Department of Information Technology	Savorgnan, Holly	Yes
MS Association of Chiefs of Police	Scarber, Ernie	No
<b>Advisory Members</b>		
House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee	Steverson, Jody	Yes
MS Senate	Michel, Walter	Yes

Chairman Mandy Davis called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM and welcomed all including commissioners, staff, and visitors. Special thanks to legislative advisors, Senator Walter Michel and Representative Jody Steverson for joining us today. Chairman Davis asked Mrs. Karana Carroll to conduct a roll call of those Commissioners who may be joining the meeting via conference call. Chairman Davis called for the review of and a motion to approve the November 2, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Baxter Kruger made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ray Causey. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Davis called on Mrs. Carroll to provide the MSWIN Staff Report for November 2023. Mrs. Carroll provided a slide presentation on executed MOUs and renewals, special event talk groups assigned, and activities staff participated in during November. Additional information included site maintenance and repairs, the number of radio IDs in November totaling more than 60,197 subscribers, including 174 new radio IDs issued in November. Push-to-talks for November totaled more than 10.6M and the number of busies was 614. Mrs. Carroll also reported MSWIN Top 10 state agency system usage and Top 10 local/other agencies system usage for the month.

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Mrs. Carroll then provided a MSWIN Refresh Project update, including a review of the activities, local event support, invoices to date, and preventative maintenance completed across 122 sites. Staff represented the WCC at the MS Civil Defense Emergency Management Mid-Winter Conference, where Mrs. Carroll was speaker at the opening ceremonies. Mrs. Carroll reported on the Contract Status Report noting that there was no change in November.

Mr. Bill Buffington continued to report on MSWIN projects including working with cellular carriers to co-locate equipment on MSWIN tower sites. Mr. Buffington spoke about the MSWIN refresh regarding programming Gen 2 radios, staging, and installation at sites. The Oktibbeha County tower site is coming online soon. Tate County site has an executed site use agreement. Mr. Buffington is reviewing possible sites in Tippah County. Pearl River County is providing the land for the future tower site.

Chairman Davis called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Donald Loper presented four requests. The first request was from the City of Ridgeland Police Department for 1 dispatch console and installation for \$108,000.00 from MSWIN 3429. The request was approved in committee and no further action needed. The second was from City of Gluckstadt Police Department for 2 dispatch consoles, set-up, and installation for \$219,000.00 from MSWIN 3429. The request for City of Gluckstadt Police Department was approved in committee, contingent upon receipt of official board minutes, and no further action was needed by the commission. The third procurement request was from Rankin County to purchase microwave radios, dish, lines, batteries, ancillary equipment, and installation for \$475,014.69 from MSWIN 3429. Chairman Loper called on Mike Word, EOC Director for Rankin County to speak on the request. Mr. Word presented the critical need to quickly replace the equipment at 2 tower sites, Cato and Monterey, as it is failing and becoming inoperable. Chairman Davis called for a motion to approve the procurement request. Commissioner Loper motioned to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Doug Mann. Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried. The fourth procurement request was from Capitol Police Department for the purchase of 30 APX6500 mobile radios for \$139,173.00 from MSWIN 3429. The request for Capitol Police was approved in committee and no further action was needed by the commission.

Chairman Davis called for report of the Governance and Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Causey reported there was no report this month.

Chairman Davis called on Commissioner Audrey McAfee for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. Commissioner McAfee reported there was no report this month.

Chairman Davis called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2024 financial report for November including general funds, deficit funds, and grant funds as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Kruger motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Ben Cohen. Chairman Davis called for any discussion.

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With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

In Other Business, Chairman Davis stated there is one item for the commission the hear. The review and approval of Change Order Request #20 MSWIN Coverage Expansion for state contract 3429. Chairman Davis asked Mrs. Carroll to present the request. Mrs. Carroll presented the request for coverage expansion of 6 sites to improve portable radio coverage for users for a total of \$7.8 million. Chairman Davis called for a motion to approve. Commissioner Causey motioned to approve Statewide MSWIN 3429 Motorola contract Change Order #20 for coverage expansion at 6 sites for a total of \$7.8M, seconded by Commissioner Mann. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Moving on to MSWIN in Action, Mr. Dent Guynes introduced the guest speaker Mr. Randy Giachelli from the MS Forestry Commission. Mr. Giachelli spoke about the severe drought across the state this year and how MSWIN was used to communicate. Mr. Giachelli coordinated efforts of local, federal, and out of state fire fighters to control wildfires and protect lives and property. He used over 250 radios in over 100 dozers, 3 airplanes, 6-8 contract pilots, federal and out of state firefighters working with local firefighters, and multiple agencies, including MEMA, MDOT, and county EMAs, to contain the fires. During this drought event, communications did not drop. Since August 1 Mississippi has had over 23,000 acres affected by ground fires, 2,100 homes have been threatened and saved, 15 homes were lost. Commission Ray Causey asked Mr. Giachelli how they were able to provide communication during this event. Mr. Giachelli stated that the MS Forestry Commission has a cache of radios and the WCC was able to provide a cache of radios to firefighters from other states.

With no further business, Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday January 4, 2024, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kruger motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Savorgnan. With no discussion, the motion carried with none opposed.

  
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Attested: Executive Director

  
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