

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

January 4, 2024

MS Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks, Conference Room
1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS

Commission Members	Commissioner	In
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	Jordan, Jim	Yes
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	Yes
MS Office of Homeland Security	Kruger, Baxter	No
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Loper, Donald	Yes
MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks	Mann, Doug	No
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	Yes
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris	Yes
MS Department of Information Technology	Savorgnan, Holly	Yes
MS Association of Chiefs of Police	Scarber, Ernie	Yes
Advisory Members		
House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee	Steverson, Jody	Yes

Chairman Mandy Davis called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed all including commissioners, staff, and visitors. Special thanks to legislative advisor, Representative Jody Steverson for joining us today. Chairman Davis welcomed the newly appointed Commissioner from the MS Department of Transportation, Mr. Jim Jordan. Special thanks were given to Mr. Ben Cohen for serving from MDOT these past years. 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 December 7, 2023, minutes. Commissioner Donald Loper 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 December 2023. Mrs. Carroll introduced Bobby Pugh. Bobby was hired in December as a technician for the MSWCC. He has 13 years of experience as a radio supervisor at MDOT. Mrs. Carroll provided a slide presentation on executed MOUs and renewals, special event talk groups assigned, and activities staff participated in during December. Additional information included site maintenance and repairs, the SOW (Site on Wheels) tires were replaced for emergency preparedness, the number of radio IDs in December totaling more than 60,426 subscribers. Push-to-talks for December totaled more than 10.6M and the number of busies was 482. Mrs.

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Carroll also reported MSWIN Top 10 state agency system usage and Top 10 local/other agencies system usage for the month.

Mrs. Carroll then provided a MSWIN Refresh Project update, including a review of the activities, local event support, invoices to date, and coverage expansion. Staff represented the WCC at the planning meeting for the Governor's inauguration, MS CPM Executive Seminar, attended the state cybersecurity update at MEMA, and continued working with contractors to co-locate equipment on towers. Mrs. Carroll reported on the Contract Status Report noting that Amendment #6 was approved in December and is in process.

Mr. Bill Buffington continued to report on MSWIN Oktibbeha County tower site has come online and the good partnership with the City of Starkville and MSU to get this site operational. Mr. Buffington gave an update on Tate County site has an executed site use agreement and, depending on the weather, it should be online soon. 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 Loper reported there was no report for this month.

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 December including general funds, deficit funds, and grant funds as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Steve Gray motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Matt Bailey. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. 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. Chairman Davis appointed Commissioner Jim Jordan to the Personnel Committee to fill the vacancy of Ben Cohen.

Moving on to MSWIN in Action, Mr. Marty Letchworth introduced the guest speaker Mr. Eric Phillips, AMR Operations Manager. Mr. Phillips started using MSWIN with AMR ambulance service after Hurricane Katrina for communication with hospitals. While working in Rankin County, he learned MSWIN could provide additional benefits by increasing ancillary agencies and increased communications. Mr. Phillips has found MSWIN was best for AMR for cost savings, coverage, compatible equipment, reliable communications with the benefits of no tower maintenance, site visits, and working at towers in inclement weather. He stated MSWIN provides interoperability with other agencies, a statewide network that supports

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continuity of communications that is vital for an ambulance agency. Mr. Phillips spoke about the ability to plan for mass events such as the MS State Fair where ambulatory services are stationed. Mr. Phillips spoke about communications during and responding to the tornado in Rolling Fork last year was application in use of what the MSWIN system was built and used for by using common channel, multiple talk groups, and interoperability across multiple agencies without disruptions or failures in the communication network to ensure the rapid response to citizens in need of emergency services.

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

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Attested: Executive Director

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Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

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