

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

November 2, 2023

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	No
MS National Guard	Causey, Lt. Col. Ray	Yes
MS Department of Transportation	Cohen, Ben	Yes
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	Yes
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	Yes
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
Advisory Members		
House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee	Bounds, Scott	Yes
House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee	Steverson, Jody	Yes
MS Senate	Williams, Bart	Yes
MS Senate	Michel, Walter	Yes

Chairman Davis called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed all including commissioners, legislative advisors, staff, and visitors. 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 October 5, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Doug Mann made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Steve Gray. 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 October 2023. Mrs. Carroll provided a slide presentation on executed MOUs and renewals, special event talk groups assigned, and activities staff participated in during October. Additional information included site maintenance and repairs, the number of radio IDs in October totaling more than 60,030 subscribers, including 286 new radios in October. Push-to-talks for October totaled more than 10.1M and the number of busies were 401. 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, invoices to date, and the software upgrade extension into FY2025. Mrs. Carroll stated that when the Refresh Project is complete, MSWIN will have the newest software. Mrs. Carroll reported on the Contract Status Report noting that there was no change in October.

Mr. Bill Buffington continued to report on MSWIN projects including working with cellular carriers to co-locate equipment on MSWIN tower sites. Mr. Buffington briefly discussed the MSWIN coverage expansion project. The MSWIN expansion project will cover Oktibbeha County (Starkville), Tate County (Independence), Tippah County (Faulkner-Ripley), and Pearl River County (Millard). Coverage maps were provided illustrating mobile coverage vs. portable coverage in Tippah County.

Chairman Davis called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Donald Loper presented two requests treated as one procurement. The requests from Capitol Police are as follows; first, 6 consoles for \$749,731.20, and the second for 30 APX6000 radios for \$126,648.90 for a total of \$876,380.10 from MSWIN 3429. Chairman Davis called for motion to approve the procurement request. Commissioner Doug Mann made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Baxter Kruger. Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

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 October including general funds, deficit funds, and grant funds as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Ray Causey motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Steve Gray. 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 an opening on the Personnel Committee, resulting from Commissioner David Stanley no longer serving on the Commission. Chairman Davis appointed Commissioner Doug Mann to fill the vacant position, upon appointment.

Moving on to MSWIN in Action, Mr. Dent Guynes introduced the guest speaker Chief Robert Hutto from the Louisville Fire Department. Chief Hutto spoke about the tornados that came through Winston County in 2014 before they were on MSWIN. Chief Hutto discussed their inability to communicate with the hospital and other local emergency services during that disaster. He stated that the county soon joined MSWIN providing critical communication for their law enforcement and fire departments. Chief Hutto stated that in July of this year, they experienced flash floods across the county and MSWIN made it possible

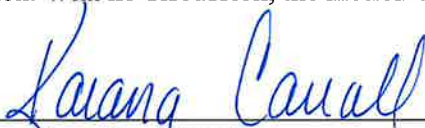
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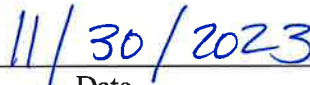
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to communicate and coordinate with other agencies resulting in zero injuries. They have also used MSWIN event talk groups for special events, such as the air show Wings over Winston. This special event talk group allowed 6 agencies to communicate with each other.

With no further business, Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday December 7, 2023, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Steve Gray motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Ben Cohen. With no discussion, the motion carried with none opposed.



Attested: Executive Director



Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair



Date