

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION
Teleconference – 1-877-820-7831; Passcode: 7527928
March 31, 2016 Special Called Meeting via Teleconference Minutes
 Jackson, MS

Roll Call/Vote

Commission Members	Attending	Not Attending	Vote Aye	Vote Nay
Chairman, Lariviere, Tom (Fire Chiefs)	✓		✓	
Vice Chairman, Magee, Ken (MDPS)	✓		✓	
Barnes, Rusty (Homeland Security)	✓		✓	
Brown, Robbie (Municipal League)		✓		
Causey, Ray (National Guard)	✓		✓	
Gray, Steve (Supervisors)	✓		✓	
Harrell, Richard (MDEQ)	✓		✓	
Huff, Willie (MDOT)	✓		✓	
Johnson, David (ITS)	✓		✓	
McAfee, Audrey (MDOC)		✓		
Rushing, Steve (Sheriffs)		✓		
Smith, Timothy (Highway Safety Patrol)	✓		✓	
Smithson, Lee (MEMA)	✓		✓	
Thornhill, Curtis (MDWFP)	✓		✓	
Vaughn, Wayne (MDOH)		✓		
Waggener, Perry (Police Chiefs)	✓		✓	
Also in Attendance:				
Conn, Paula (ITS)				
Walker, Cerria (ITS)				
Mobley, Dianne (DFCS)				
Greer, Cindy (DFCS)				
Butts, Ashley (DFCS)				

Chairman Tom Lariviere called the special called meeting via teleconference to order at 2:02 PM and welcomed everyone. The Chairman stated that this meeting was called to consider a Request to the Master Cellular Agreement and then asked Ms. Helfrich to call the roll to determine attendance and quorum. Twelve (12) Commission members were present as noted in the chart above. Mr. David Johnson noted the presence of procurement team members from ITS that worked on the project, Ms. Paula Conn and Ms. Cerria Walker. Ms. Helfrich asked for any Legislative Advisors to indicate their presence; there were none. Ms. Helfrich asked for any MDHS/DFCS representatives to indicate their presence. Ms. Dianne Mobley, Ms. Cindy Green, and Ms. Ashley Butts acknowledged their presence. Ms. Helfrich noted that we had a quorum.

Chairman Lariviere then turned to Procurement Review Committee Chairman Waggener to make a presentation. Mr. Waggener asked Ms. Mobley of DFCS to state the compelling reason for an emergency meeting. Ms. Mobley stated that DFCS is currently under a federal lawsuit deadline to deploy 1200 tablets to their frontline workers and for that they need access to broadband. ITS went out to bid, on their behalf for this service and Verizon won the bid. This will enable their case workers to enter necessary information into the DFCS system while in the field. Mr. Waggener then asked if Ms. Mobley had a compelling deadline for this process. Ms. Mobley stated that DFCS must have a portion of these tablets installed by May 1, 2016, and the remaining of the 1200 tablets

installed by July 1, 2016. Mr. Waggener asked why there was a need for the Request for Cellular Exception. Ms. Paula Conn of ITS stated that Cspire cannot provide the service that DFCS needs for the tablets and that they have received concurrence from Cspire that they could not provide that service. ITS then notified DFCS to file a Request for Exception to the Master Cellular Agreement and began the bid process.

Mr. Waggener then acknowledged that the Commission has been provided the score sheet with the information from the bids, of these Verizon was the low bidder in the amount of \$335,856.00. Commissioner Waggener then entertained a motion to grant the exception and accept the bid from Verizon. Commissioner Ray Causey made a motion to approve the DFCS Request for Exception to Master Cellular Agreement and accept the Verizon bid. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Ken Magee. Mr. Perry Waggener asked if there was any discussion on the motion. Chairman Tom Lariviere asked if ITS was in agreement with the Exception and proposal/bid from Verizon, and Ms. Paula Conn confirmed.

Ms. Helfrich then called for vote by roll call. The vote was unanimous with all of the Commission members present voting aye as noted in the above roll call list.

Chairman Lariviere noted for the record that the vote was unanimous and thanked everyone for their presence in spite of the impending severe weather concerns. The Chairman noted that this completes the agenda as by rules and regulations the only item that can be discussed during this meeting is the Request for Exception to Master Cellular Agreement. The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Chairman Waggener made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Timothy Smith. The special called meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:10 PM.