

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

April 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

<b>Commission Members Present:</b>	
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 Sheriff's Association	Johnson, Sheriff Randy
MS Association of Fire Chiefs	Lariviere, Tom
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Loper, Don
MS Department of Emergency Management	McCraney, Stephen
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris
MS Association of Police Chiefs	Waggener, Perry

Chairman Willie Huff called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed everyone. Chairman Huff also recognized the presence of Representative Jody Steverson and Mr. Billy Freeman, FirstNet Representative for the State of Mississippi. Chairman Huff then called for the review of the March 7, 2019 minutes. Mr. Michael Bolden made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Don Loper, and the motion carried with none opposed.

Chairman Huff called for the report of the Governance/Interoperability Committee. Chairman Tom Lariviere had nothing to report.

Chairman Huff called for approval of expenditures. Mr. David Johnson provided the current month's FY19 financial report through March 31<sup>st</sup> including operating expenses, deficit funding, grant funding, 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, Mr. Loper made a motion to approve the monthly expenditures, seconded by Mr. Tom Lariviere, and the motion carried with none opposed.

Ms. Helfrich then gave an update to the FY20 Budget Request. The FY20 Budget Appropriation included in Senate Bill #3052 was approved for \$10.6M and 10 PINs, meeting the WCC's budgetary needs. Ms. Helfrich noted that this would be the second time since the FY13 Legislative Session that the WCC has been fully funded. The FY19 (current year) WCC deficit request of \$2.6M included in House Bill #1667 has also been approved. Ms. Helfrich thanked everyone including members of the Legislature for their efforts in fully funding the WCC. Ms. Helfrich asked for any questions.

Ms. Vicki Helfrich then provided the MSWIN Project Update for March 2019. She reported information on special event talk groups assigned, radios loaned out, activities the WCC staff participated in during the month, the number of current MSWIN users, 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.

Mr. Bill Buffington provided an update on the MSWIN build-out status. Mr. Buffington reported the due diligence is in process with preliminary submission to FEMA for the Canton tower site; Staff continues working with FirstNet/AT&T vendors regarding surveys/inspections of tower sites included in AT&T's opt-in agreement with the state; Staff has been working in Madison County and Pearl River County making repairs and improvements to RF equipment.

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Ms. Helfrich gave an update on the contract status. Ms. Helfrich reported three (3) renewals in process for Butler Snow, Contract Workers: Ms. Cindy Crocker and Ms. Renea Walton. Ms. Helfrich also noted that the Technical Advisory Contract that is currently held by G S Holdings, Inc. ends in April 2019 and bids are currently being solicited with interviews of top vendors to follow. A recommendation will be brought to the Commission in May. Ms. Helfrich then provided that the SpectraSite back payments are being reviewed for approval and those amounts should be reflected on next month's expenditure report.

Chairman Huff called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Chairman Waggener had nothing to report.

The Chairman called for any Other Business. Mr. Bill Buffington and Mr. Dent Guynes then gave an overview of the Evolution of the WCC and MSWIN.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Huff announced that the next monthly meeting will be May 2, 2019, 1:30 PM, in Room 145 of the Woolfolk Building at 501 North West Street, Jackson, MS. Chairman Huff entertained a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bolden made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chief Perry Waggener and the motion carried with none opposed. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:27 PM.