

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

January 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Place: MS Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks, Commission Conference Room,  
1505 Eastover Drive, 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 National Guard	Causey, Lt. Col. Ray
MS Municipal League	Girod, Arty
MS Department of Information Technology Services	Savorgnan, Holly
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Loper, Donald
MS Department of Emergency Management	Michel, Greg
MS Sheriff Association	Peterson, Troy
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Lariviere, Tom
MS Association of Police Chiefs	Waggener, Perry
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy

Chairman Willie Huff called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed everyone. Additionally, Chairman Huff welcomed two (2) new members – Commissioners Holly Savorgnan with the MS Department of Information Technology Services and Commissioner Troy Peterson with the MS Sheriff Association. Chairman Huff then called for the review of the December 5, 2019 minutes. Chairman Huff called for a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Perry Waggener made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Greg Michel, and the motion carried with none opposed.

Ms. Vicki Helfrich, Executive Officer, then provided the MSWIN Status Update for December 2019. She reported information on MOUs, special event talk groups assigned, activities the WCC staff participated in during the month, the number of current MSWIN users, the number of push-to-talks, 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, Technical Advisor to the Commission, provided an update on the WCC projects. Mr. Buffington reported that work on the Canton and John C. Stennis Space Center tower sites continue to progress. Mr. Buffington also stated that staff is continuing to work on the remaining colocation agreements with AT&T/FirstNet as well as working on colocation agreements with T-Mobile and Verizon.

Ms. Helfrich provided an update on WCC contract status. She reported that the MICG Grant extension request was verbally approved by FEMA and that the ITS Board approved the SBA Tower Lease renewals on December 19, 2019. Additionally, Ms. Helfrich reported that the Joint Legislative Budget Committee recommended full funding of the Commission for FY2021. The total amount recommended was \$10,639,874.00. This includes the full funding of ten (10) positions and matches the funding received for FY2020.

Chairman Huff called for the report of the Procurement Review Committee. Commissioner Waggener reported that there was only one procurement request, Lawrence County. The request from Lawrence County for \$363,838.00 includes 190 APX900 portable radios, 36 APX1500 and 26 APX4500 mobile radios. This will be funded through the county and 911 funds to be used to update from VHF to MSWIN due to an outdated infrastructure, lack of coverage, and radio interoperability. Lawrence County has tested the MSWIN system and has decided that it offers

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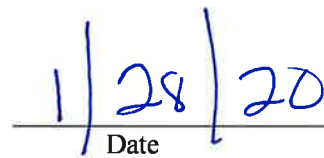
superior communications as compared to the current system. The approval of this request is pending the receipt of official minutes from Lawrence County. Commissioner Waggener made a motion to approve the procurement pending receipt of official minutes, seconded by Commissioner Tom Lariviere, and the motioned carried with none opposed.

Chairman Huff called for the report of the Governance/Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Lariviere asked Dent Guynes to provide an overview of the electronic application being developed by the Department of Homeland Security. Mr. Guynes reported that the WCC is working with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's Emergency Communication Division to develop a public safety mobile application for Mississippi's Tactical Interoperability Channel Plan Field Operations Guide (TICP-FOG). The TICP-FOG is the go-to reference for emergency communications planning and for radio technicians responsible for radios that will be used during disaster response. Mississippi will be one of the first states to make this electronic tool available to authorized responders in the state.

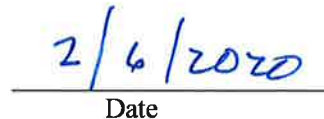
Chairman Huff called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan provided the financial reports for December 2019, including general funds, grant funds, and program income as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Chairman Huff called for any discussion. With no further discussion, Commissioner Savorgnan motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Ray Causey, and the motion carried with none opposed.

Chairman Huff called for the report of Other Business. With no further business to discuss, Chairman Huff then announced that the next monthly meeting would be held at 1:30 PM, on February 6, 2020, in room 145 of the Woolfolk Building at 501 North West Street, Jackson, MS. Chairman Huff then entertained a motion to adjourn. Vice-Chairman Michael Bolden motioned to close and the motion passed with none opposed.

  
Attested: Executive Officer

  
Date

  
Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

  
Date