

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

October 1, 2020

Via: Teleconference

Commission Members Present:	
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Lariviere, Tom (Chairman)
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy (Vice Chairman)
MS National Guard	Causey, Lt. Col. Ray
MS Municipal League	Girod, Arty
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve
MS Department of Transportation	Huff, Willie
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Loper, Donald
MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks	Mann, Doug
MS Department of Corrections	McAfee, Audrey
MS Emergency Management Agency	McRaney, Stephen
MS Sheriffs' Association	Peterson, Troy
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris
MS Department of Information Technology Services	Savorgnan, Holly
MS Association of Chiefs of Police	Stanley, David
MS Department of Health	Vaughn, Wayne
MS Department of Homeland Security	Williams, Jenny
Advisory Members Present:	
House Public Utilities Committee	Steverson, Representative Jody

Chairman Tom Lariviere called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed everyone. The meeting was held via teleconference. Ms. Vicki Helfrich, Executive Officer, employed the use of roll call to check attendance and to ensure that a quorum was attained. Chairman welcomed Commissioner Doug Mann to the Commission. Chairman Lariviere called for the review and approval of the September 3, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Donald Loper made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Troy Peterson. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Lariviere called on Ms. Helfrich to provide an update on the request for Coronavirus Relief Funds, an agenda item under Other Business. Ms. Helfrich reported that the House had passed HB1812 which provides \$10 million for critical upgrades to MSWIN that provides emergency responders the reliable communication needed in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bill will be sent to the Senate for their review. Ms. Helfrich notified the Commissioners that she would keep them updated on the status of HB1812 via email.

Ms. Karana Carroll provided the MSWIN Status Update for September 2020. She reported information on MOUs and renewals, special event talk groups assigned, activities staff participated in during September noting specific hurricane preparation and coordination with neighboring states and Region IV for Hurricane Sally, the number of users, and the number of push-to-talks, noting more than 8.5 million push to talks and only 218 busies for September. Ms. Carroll also reported MSWIN Top 10 State agency system usage and Top 10 local/other agencies system usage for September.

Ms. Carroll provided an update on the WCC contract status. The WCC is in the process of closing out the BTOP grant, the Butler Snow contract for legal service has been finalized, and the SBA tower leases are being amended.

Bill Buffington, Technical Director, provided the MSWIN Project Status Update for September 2020. Mr. Buffington reported the Canton and Stennis sites are near completion. The canton site is in the final stages with punch list completions. Mr. Buffington continues working with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI) including equipment and tower site assistance.

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Chairman Lariviere called for the report of the Procurement Review Committee. Commissioner Donald Loper reported that the Procurement Committee had only one procurement request from the MS Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). MEMA is requesting \$599,852.65 to purchase 83 radios for 82 counties and the Choctaw Nation EMA offices across the state. In addition, the request includes adding and upgrading consoles at the MEMA Byrum office, as well as, the office in Pearl. Chairman Lariviere opened the floor for any questions or comments from Commissioners. After discussion, Chairman Lariviere called for a motion. On behalf of the Procurement Review Committee, Commissioner Loper made a motion to recommend approval by the full Commission, seconded by Commissioner Ray Causey, approving MEMA's request. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Lariviere called for the report of the Governance/Interoperability Committee and the Emerging Technologies Committee. Chairman Lariviere stated there was nothing to report.

Chairman Lariviere called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner Savorgnan presented the FY2021 financial reports for September 2020, including general funds, grant funds, and program income as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Chairman Lariviere called for any discussion. With no further discussion, Commissioner Loper motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Audrey McAfee. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Lariviere called for the report of Other Business. Chairman Lariviere presented the Commissioners with a list of Committee appointments. Commissioner Huff will serve as the Chairman of Governance with Commissioners Ray Causey, Mandy Davis, Wayne Vaughn, and Arty Girod serving as members. Commissioner Donald Loper will serve as the Chairman of the Procurement Review Committee with Commissioners Steve Gray, Audrey McAfee, Holly Savorgnan, and Chris Sanders serving as members. Emerging Technologies (ad-hoc) Chairman will be Commissioner Audrey McAfee with Commissioners Steve Gray, Stephen McRaney, Donald Loper, Troy Peterson, and Mandy Davis serving as members. Personnel Committee will be chaired by Commissioner Huff with Commissioners Doug Mann, Jenny Williams, Stephen McRaney, and David Stanley serving as members.

Chairman Lariviere asked if there was any other business to discuss. Commissioner Huff reminded Commissioners of the storms developing to the East and encouraged all to be vigilant in being prepared.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Lariviere announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday November 5, 2020, by teleconference. Chairman Lariviere then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Willie Huff motioned to adjourn. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.



Attested: Executive Officer

October 28, 2020

Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

November 5, 2020

Date

Mississippi Wireless Communication Commission

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Legislative Liaisons	Present	Absent
Bounds, Representative Scott		
Anderson, Representative Brent		
Beckett, Representative Jim		
Steverson, Representative Jody	X	
Carter, Senator Joel		
Hopson, Senator Briggs		
Harkins, Senator Josh		
Commissioners		
Lariviere, Tom (Fire Chiefs)	X	
Davis, Mandy (MDPS)	X	
Causey, Lt. Col. Ray (National Guard)	X	
Girod, Arty (Municipal League)	X	
Gray, Steve (Supervisors)	X	
Huff, Willie (MDOT)	X	
Loper, Donald (MHSP)	X	
Mann, Doug (MDWFP)	X	
McAfee, Audrey (MDOC)	X	
McRaney, Stephen (MEMA)	X	
Peterson, Troy (Sheriffs)	X	
Sanders, Chris (MDEQ)	X	
Savorgnan, Holly (ITS)	X	
Stanley, David (Police Chiefs)	X	
Vaughn, Wayne (MDOH)	X	
Williams, Jenny (Homeland Security)	X	

