

**MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION**

November 5, 2020

Via: Teleconference

<b>Commission Members</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>In</b>
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Lariviere, Tom (Chairman)	Yes
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy (Vice	Yes
MS National Guard	Causey, Lt. Col. Ray	Yes
MS Municipal League	Girod, Arty	Yes
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	--
MS Department of Transportation	Huff, Willie	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	McRaney, Stephen	Yes
MS Sheriffs' Association	Peterson, Troy	Yes
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris	Yes
MS Department of Information Technology Services	Savorgnan, Holly	Yes
MS Association of Chiefs of Police	Stanley, David	Yes
MS Department of Health	Vaughn, Wayne	--
MS Department of Homeland Security	Williams, Jenny	--
<b>Advisory Members Present:</b>		
House Public Utilities Committee	Steverson, Representative	Yes

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 Lariviere called for the review and a motion to approve the October 1, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Willie Huff made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ray Causey. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Lariviere called for the review and approval of the Called Special Meeting held on October 14, 2020. Commissioner Troy Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Donald Loper. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Lariviere called on Ms. Helfrich to provide the MSWIN Status Update for October 2020. She reported information on MOUs and renewals, special event talk groups assigned, activities staff participated in during October, working with MEMA on ICS 205s for Hurricanes Delta and Zeta. Staff continued to work with MEMA, the Mississippi Department of Health, and the Mississippi National Guard in their response to COVID-19. Ms. Helfrich noted the number of users, as of today, is over 47,000. Push to talks and the number of busies statistics for October are not available due to software/server issues. Data is expected to be available at the next meeting. Ms. Helfrich also reported MSWIN Top 10 State agency system usage and Top 10 local/other agencies system usage for October.

Bill Buffington, Technical Director, provided the MSWIN Project Status Update for October 2020. Mr. Buffington reported on the preparation and system performance during hurricanes Delta and Zeta. MSWIN performed as expected. After Hurricane Zeta, there were 23 generators running until shore power was restored. As of this morning all sites were back on shore power. The Canton tower site and Stennis site are near completion. Both sites are in the final stages of completion.

Ms. Helfrich provided an update on the WCC contract status. There were two items to note including one state retiree contract employee increase (discussed later in the meeting) and working with FEMA on an MICG

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extension request for 6 months with an end date of June 30, 2021. Ms. Helfrich thanked Commissioner Jenny Williams for her assistance in seeking approval from FEMA.

Chairman Lariviere called for the report of the Procurement Review Committee. Commissioner Donald Loper reported that the Procurement Committee had two procurement requests this month. First, Madison County Sheriff's Office has requested approval for 117 APX6000 portable radios, 90 APX4500 mobile radios and services for \$778,257.25 from the MSWIN 3429 statewide contract using county approved funding. Madison County SO is currently using a VHF system. With approval of this purchase Madison County SO will be able to utilize the MSWIN system by purchasing MSWIN capable radios and utilize the new MSWIN Canton tower. On behalf of the Procurement Review Committee, Commissioner Loper made a motion recommending approval of Madison County SO's request by the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner David Stanley. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Loper presented the second procurement request from Tate County including 147 APX900 portable radios, 65 APX1500 mobile radios, accessories and services for \$ 398,997.17 from the MSWIN 3429 statewide contract using county approved funding. Tate County is currently using a Mototurbo system at end of life and experiencing multiple daily failures and has multiple dead zones throughout the county. The MSWIN system will give law enforcement and emergency services the needed communication clarity, reliability, and coverage to safely and effectively perform their duties. Chairman Lariviere opened the floor for discussion. Commissioner Causey asked Mr. Kim Brownlee, Tate County EMA Director, which Tate County entities are included in this project. Director Brownlee explained Volunteer Fire Departments (8), Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Agency, Coldwater Police Department and Fire Department are included in this project. Director Brownlee stated that joining MSWIN will also allow Tate County to communicate with the local ambulance service already utilizing MSWIN. On behalf of the Procurement Review Committee, Commissioner Loper made a motion recommending approval of Tate County's request by the Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Causey. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Lariviere called on Commissioner Huff for the report of the Governance/Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Huff stated there was nothing to report this month.

Chairman Lariviere called on Commissioner Audrey McAfee for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. Commissioner McAfee stated there was nothing to report this month.

Chairman Lariviere called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner Savorgnan presented the FY2021 financial reports for October 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 McAfee motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Loper. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Lariviere called for Other Business. Ms. Helfrich presented a request to increase state retiree, Cindy Crocker's contract not to exceed \$26,000 for FY21. State law requires board approval for any contracts with a state retiree that exceeds \$20,000. Commissioner Huff made a motion to approve state retiree Cindy Crocker's contract for FY21, for the purpose of providing administrative services, in an amount not to exceed \$26,000 and seconded by Commissioner Causey. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Lariviere asked if there was any other business to discuss. Ms. Helfrich informed the Commission that staff is working on a deficit appropriation request for FY21. In addition, staff is working on a new proposal for the Cares Act funds appropriated to the WCC. Ms. Helfrich explained that Commission approval of the project will require a Called Special Meeting of the Commission and will also require approval by the

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ITS Board. Chairman Lariviere polled the Commission members availability for a Called Special Meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 2:30 pm via teleconference. Hearing no objections, Chairman Lariviere announced a Called Special Meeting for Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 2:30 pm. Information will be provided to Commissioners ahead of the meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Lariviere announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday December 3, 2020, by teleconference. Chairman Lariviere then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Huff motioned to adjourn. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.



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Attested: Executive Officer

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November 25, 2020

Date



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Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

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December 3, 2020

Date

**Mississippi Wireless Communication Commission**

November 5, 2020 Monthly Meeting

Via Teleconference

<b>Legislative Liaisons</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Bounds, Representative Scott		
Anderson, Representative Brent		
Beckett, Representative Jim		
Steverson, Representative Jody	X	
Carter, Senator Joel		
Hopson, Senator Briggs		
Harkins, Senator Josh		
<b>Commissioners</b>		
Lariviere, Tom (Fire Chiefs)	X	
Davis, Mandy (MDPS)	X	
Causey, Lt. Col. Ray (National Guard)	X	
Girod, Arty (Municipal League)	X	
Gray, Steve (Supervisors)		
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)		
Williams, Jenny (Homeland Security)		

