

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

December 3, 2020

Via: Teleconference

Commission Members	Commissioner	In
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Lariviere, Tom (Chairman)	Yes
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy (Vice Chairman)	Yes
MS National Guard	Causey, Lt. Col. Ray	Yes
MS Municipal League	Girod, Arty	--
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	Yes
MS Department of Transportation	Huff, Willie	Yes
MS Department of Homeland Security	Hunter, Lora	Yes
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Loper, Donald	Yes
MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks	Mann, Doug	Yes
MS Department of Corrections	McAfee, Audrey	--
MS Emergency Management Agency	McRaney, Stephen	Yes
MS Sheriffs' Association	Peterson, Troy	--
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	--
Advisory Members Present:		
House Public Utilities Committee	Rep. Jody Steverson	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 November 5, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Doug Mann made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Steve Gray. 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 November 10, 2020. Commissioner Donald Loper made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Mann. 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 November including working on asset management/property audits and Genesis recording software upgrade. Ms. Helfrich also notified the Commission that the state has been awarded three (3) technical assistance offerings from the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency's Emergency Communications Division (CISA-ECD) for 2021 which includes a Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) Update, 911 Cybersecurity Webinar, and a Communications Unit (COMU) Credentialing Program.

Ms. Helfrich provided an update on the CARES Act project including the execution of the contract with Motorola on November 24, 2020. As a recap, this project assists with COVID response across the state and includes (1) a system upgrade to MSWIN to increase data capacity and add data functionalities and provide radios for each Mississippi County, Choctaw Nation, and the Mississippi Center for Emergency Services (MCES). As this is a short timeline, Ms. Helfrich noted emails were sent to all counties Monday and all want to participate. Staff have been working to finalizing radio programming, updating code plugs, MOUs, custody receipts, assigning asset numbers, etc. to get the radios distributed by 12/9/2020. Ms. Helfrich provided an example of how these radios will be utilized per MCES sending text messages from consoles regarding bed status, transfer of patients, and vaccine distribution (in the future). MCES will have text groups for statewide, regional, county wide or by individual radios. MCES is creating 'clings' that will provide a map per regions

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including the talk groups by groups/regions and a training video for utilizing this equipment. The project must be complete by Friday, December 11.

Ms. Helfrich also reported that Staff continues 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 47,580. Push to talks and the number of busies statistics for November are not available due to software/server issues. 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 November 2020. Mr. Buffington reported on MSWIN system testing of the upgrade related to the CARES Act project. Work continues on the co-location sites recently approved and work continues on the Stennis and Canton sites. Both sites are in the final stages of completion.

Ms. Helfrich provided an update on the WCC contract status. The contract increase with Cindy Crocker was finalized. We did receive verbal approval of the MICG extension request for 6 months with an end date of June 30, 2021.

Ms. Helfrich informed the Commissioners a deficit request letter was sent to the Legislature last week. The WCC's original request for FY21 was \$10,639,874 and the final appropriation was \$10,107,880—a shortage of \$531,994. The WCC has asked for \$331,056.58 in deficit funding to cover the shortage for the MSWIN system maintenance contract.

Chairman Lariviere called for the report of the Procurement Review Committee. Commissioner Donald Loper reported that the Procurement Committee had no procurement requests for review this month.

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 for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. No report was provided for this month.

Chairman Lariviere called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner Savorgnan presented the FY2021 financial reports for November 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. Commissioner Huff asked for clarification of the Federal Program Income reported. With no further discussion, Commissioner Loper motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Huff. 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 extend the MSWIN 3429 maintenance agreement services for 2 years. The current MSWIN system maintenance agreement and the facilities maintenance agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. expire on June 30, 2021. Staff has reached an agreement with Motorola to combine these contracts and extend the services to the State at \$3.2M per year for two years for a total of \$6.4M. This negotiated agreement will result in a cost-savings to the State for Maintenance of the MSWIN System of approximately \$5.9M over 2 years. Ms. Helfrich provided an overview of System Maintenance provided by this contract including Service Desk and Technical Support, Network Event Monitoring, On-Site Support, Annual Preventative Maintenance, Network Hardware Repair, Security Updates and Remote Security Patch Installations, one (1) full time System Manager and three (3) full time Field Service Technicians. The Facilities Maintenance portion of the contract includes Preventative Maintenance and Repairs for Generators, HVAC systems, UPS, Antennas, Coaxial Lines, Tower Lighting Systems, and Grounds and Buildings. Chairman Lariviere opened the floor for questions. Commissioner Huff asked about the discount pricing negotiated in 2007 using this contract. Ms. Helfrich explained this extension will bring forward, without limitation, all pricing for equipment and services, unchanged and in full

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effect as originally negotiated in 2007. This is essentially a 40% discount for locals and state agencies. With no further discussion, Chairman Lariviere called for a motion. Commission Huff motioned to extend the MSWIN 3429 contract with Motorola Solutions Inc. beginning July 1, 2021, and ending June 30, 2023. Commissioner Loper seconded the motion. Chairman Lariviere called for roll call vote. All in attendance (12 Commissioners) voted yea, no nays nor abstains, and the motion was approved.

Chairman Lariviere then opened the floor for a motion to approve the system maintenance and facilities maintenance terms and agreement, as an amendment to and run concurrent with the MSWIN 3429 contract extension for \$3.2M a year for a total of \$6.4M. Commissioner Mann made a motion, seconded by Commissioner David Stanley. Chairman Lariviere called for roll call vote. All in attendance (12 Commissioners) voted yea, no nays nor abstains, and the motion was approved.

Chairman Lariviere discussed future meetings may continue as teleconferences as the Woolfolk Building room reservations have been canceled until further notice.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Lariviere announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday January 7, 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.



Attested: Executive Officer

December 14, 2020

Date

Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

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	
Hunter, Lora (Homeland Security)	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

