

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

January 7, 2021

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	Yes
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	Yes
MS Emergency Management Agency	McCraney, Stephen	
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	
Advisory Members Present:		

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 December 3, 2020 minutes. Commissioner Don Loper 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 on Ms. Helfrich to provide the MSWIN Status Update for December 2020. She reported information on MOUs and renewals, special event talkgroups assigned, activities staff participated in during December - staff conducted internal equipment audit, Genesis software upgrade completion, and the MCM database project is in final stages with staff training scheduled this month. The CARES Act Project was finalized in December. Ms. Helfrich provided a timeline of the completion steps including the contract was executed on November 24th, MSWIN system upgraded by December 8th, 783 radios received and distributed on December 9 & 10th to all entities, (all counties but Pike County participated), and payment made by December 15, 2020 deadline.

Ms. Helfrich reported 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 radio IDs in December totaled 48,790. Push to talks and the number of busies for December were more than 8.2 million. Ms. Helfrich also reported MSWIN Top 10 State agency system usage and Top 10 local/other agencies system usage for October. Ms. Helfrich reminded Commissioners that staff is working with the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency's Emergency Communications Division (CISA-ECD) on 3 technical offerings for 2021 including a Statewide Communications Interoperability Plan (SCIP) Update, 911 Cybersecurity Webinar, and Communications Unit (COMU) Credentialing Program.

Bill Buffington, Technical Director, provided the MSWIN Project Status Update for December 2020. Mr. Buffington's report included the MSWIN system update per the CARES Act project, work continues on the three co-location sites including compound designs. Both the Canton and Stennis sites are in the final stages of completion.

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Ms. Helfrich provided an update on the WCC contract status. Written notice was received from FEMA extending the MICG grant to June 30, 2021, with no extension exceptions. Ms. Helfrich provided a list of items that are scheduled for inclusion and completion before June 30th including the following: Canton site, Stennis site, Osyka co-location, Sturgis co-location, and the Holmes County co-location. Chairman Lariviere thanked Ms. Helfrich and Mr. Buffington for their reports and turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Mandy Davis.

Vice-Chairman Davis 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.

Vice-Chairman Davis called on Commissioner Huff for the report of the Governance Committee. Commissioner Huff reported the Governance Committee participated in a teleconference meeting with the Jackson County Emergency Communications District (JCECD) on December 29, 2020, as JCECD recently asked the Commission for a reconsideration of their original procurement request for a proposed P25 Public Safety Radio network expansion and T1/IP Ethernet Public Safety Microwave Network that was denied by the Commission on September 5, 2019 and confirmed in the Commission's Decision on Review adopted on October 3, 2019. During the teleconference meeting on December 29, 2020, JCECD was asked if they had additional information or documents for the Commission to reconsider. JCECD stated they did not have additional information or documents. With no additional information or documentation, the Governance Committee did not make a motion to reconsider JCECD's request. The Governance Committee did determine that JCECD technical staff, WCC technical staff, and the Governance Committee should meet to find a workable solution going forward. In addition, Commissioner Huff made recommendation that the JCECD request be added to the next WCC meeting agenda in February. Vice-Chairman Davis stated JCECD will be added to the February agenda of the WCC.

Vice-Chairman Davis called for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. No report was provided for this month.

Vice-Chairman Davis called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner Savorgnan presented the FY2021 financial reports for December 2020, including general funds, grant funds, COVID-19 funds and program income as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Vice-Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no further discussion, Commissioner Ray Causey motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Don Loper. Vice-Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Davis called for Other Business. With no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday February 4, 2021, by teleconference. Vice-Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Huff motioned to adjourn and the motion carried with no objection heard.



Attested: Executive Officer

January 27, 2021

Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

February 4, 2021

Date