

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

February 4, 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 Emergency Management Agency	Bob Buseck	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 Sheriffs' Association	Peterson, Troy	Yes
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris	
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 present. Chairman Lariviere entertained a motion to approve the January 7, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Causey moved that the minutes be approved, and the motion was 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 January 2021. She reported information on MOUs and renewals, special event talk groups assigned, activities staff participated in during January, staff continued internal equipment audit, and the MCM database project is complete with the exception of one training module. 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, provided communication planning and support on inauguration day at the State Capitol, and continued work on tower co-locations with AT&T. Preventive maintenance on the system began in January and finalization is expected in May. Motorola also began a system upgrade which will bring the system to the latest and greatest software version available (2020.1 release) with expected completion in May. Ms. Helfrich noted the number of radio IDs in January totaled 49,113 subscribers. Push to talks for January totaled more than 8.1M and the number of busies were 62. Ms. Helfrich also reported MSWIN Top 10 State agency system usage and Top 10 local/other agencies system usage for the month.

Ms. Helfrich provided the MSWIN Project Status Update. Stennis Space Center and Canton sites are both operational and final acceptance testing is scheduled to begin soon. Work continues on the 3 co-location tower sites at Craig Springs, Holmes County, and Osyka. Staff continues working with MSU, at the direction of the ITS Board, to develop a resolution for Oktibbeha Co and MSU to migrate to MSWIN.

Ms. Helfrich provided an update on the WCC contract status with no changes for January. Staff participated in a House Appropriations Sub-Committee Hearing and have not heard from the Senate regarding a Sub-Committee hearing. House Bill 108 was introduced this year and has passed the House per making the WCC a stand along agency.

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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 and Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Huff asked to cover the Governance and Interoperability Committee report in the new business section of the agenda.

Chairman Lariviere called for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. Commissioner Audrey McAfee reported there was no report for this month.

Chairman Lariviere called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner Savorgnan presented the FY2021 financial reports for January 2021, 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 McAfee. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Lariviere called for Other Business on the agenda and called upon Commissioner Huff to take up the JCECD request for reconsideration. Chairman Huff provided an overview of Jackson County Emergency Communications District's request for reconsideration of a P25 Public Safety Radio Network Expansion, previously denied by the Commission on September 5, 2019. Commissioner Huff gave a brief overview of the Decision on Review and the reasons the Commission decided at that time not to give sign-off approval of the proposed system. A more detailed discussion of the findings and conclusions can be found in the Decision on Review, approved by the Commission on October 3, 2019. Commissioner Huff explained that JCECD sent an email in October of 2020 requesting the Commission reconsider its decision. Mr. Huff further reported to the Commission that the Governance and Interoperability Committee met telephonically in late December with representatives of JCECD to hear their request. At that time, Commissioner Huff reported, JCECD did not have any new or additional information to supplement the original 2019 request. Commissioner Huff then asked the JCECD representative George Sholl, Director of JCECD, if he would like to address the Commission regarding the request for reconsideration. Mr. Sholl stated that the original vendor contract was rescinded and no longer in affect as it required WCC approval. Mr. Sholl also stated that JCECD would have no new or additional information regarding their procurement request to present to the Commission at this time. The JCECD representative also stated that if the WCC does not reconsider its decision, that JCECD will discuss options at the agency's next committee meeting. Commissioner Huff then moved that JCECD's request for reconsideration be denied, for the reasons set forth in the Commission's Decision on Review of September 5, 2019, approved by the Commission on October 3, 2019. Commissioner Arty Girod seconded. Chairman Lariviere opened the floor for discussion. Commissioners Gray and Peterson asked for clarification of the motion. Mark Garriga, legal counsel for the WCC explained that the Commission has the discretion, should it so choose, to reconsider its previous decision and give sign-off approval of the proposed radio network. Commissioner Mann asked Mr. Sholl if there have been any changes to their original proposal regarding interoperability. Mr. Sholl stated that JCECD is of the opinion that ISSI implementation would satisfy the Commission's interoperability concerns, and that JCECD would be willing to assist the WCC with the cost, but would not be willing to do so for the price quoted by Motorola. Mr. Sholl confirmed, however, that there have been no changes to the JCECD original procurement request submitted to the Commission in 2019. Mr. Sholl, in response to a question by Commissioner Huff, also stated that the JCECD procurement proposal (conducted as a Request for Proposals) has not been presented to the Public Procurement Review Board. With no further discussion, Chairman Lariviere called the question. Roll call was used to record 12 yav votes and 2 nay votes. The Chair announced that the motion to deny the request for consideration had been approved. Following the vote, Commissioner Huff stated that members of his committee and the WCC's technical staff would be willing to meet with representatives of JCECD in an attempt to resolve this matter and to reach agreement on the interoperability and other technical aspects of a new radio system for Jackson County.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Lariviere announced the next monthly meeting will be held at

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1:30 PM, on Thursday March 4, 2021, 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

February 25, 2021

Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

March 4, 2021

Date

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

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Commission Action on Approval of Minutes, Expenditures, and Other Business

Vote: Yea/Nay

	Approval of January 7, 2021 Minutes		Approval of January 2021 Expenditures		JCECD (Jackson County Emergency Communications District) Request for Reconsideration- motion to deny		Motion to Adjourn	
	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay
1st Motion	Ray Causey		Don Loper		Willie Huff		Willie Huff	
2nd Motion	Doug Mann		Audrey McAfee		Arty Girod		N/A	
Unanimous Consent "No Objection Heard"	Unanimous Consent		Unanimous Consent				Unanimous Consent	
Roll Call Vote (No Unanimous Consent)					Roll Call			
Lariviere, Tom (Fire Chiefs)					Yea			
Davis, Mandy (MDPS)					Yea			
Bob Buseck (MEMA)					Yea			
Causey, Lt. Col. Ray (National Guard)					Yea			
Girod, Arty (Municipal League)					Yea			
Gray, Steve (Supervisors)					Nay			
Huff, Willie (MDOT)					Yea			
Hunter, Lora (Homeland Security)					Yea			
Loper, Donald (MHSP)					Yea			
Mann, Doug (MDWFP)					Yea			
McAfee, Audrey (MDOC)					Yea			
Peterson, Troy (Sheriffs)					Nay			
Sanders, Chris (MDEQ)					absent			
Savorgnan, Holly (ITS)					Yea			
Stanley, David (Police Chiefs)					Yea			
Vaughn, Wayne (MDOH)					absent			