

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

April 1, 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	
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	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 March 4, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Donald 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 March 2021. She reported information on MOUs and renewals, special event talk groups assigned, activities staff participated in during March. The MCM database project was finalized in March. During the March 16 & 17th severe weather event, nine (9) MSWIN sites lost commercial power with generators supplying pack up power, as designed. In addition, the March 25th severe weather event resulted in two (2) sites losing commercial power with backup power being supplied by generators, as designed. 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 testing and vaccinations and continues to work on tower co-locations with AT&T/FirstNet with near finalization of eight (8) leases. Ms. Helfrich updated the Commissioners on current System Preventive Maintenance and Facilities Preventive Maintenance in process. Ms. Helfrich noted the number of radio IDs in March totaled 49,527 subscribers. Push to talks for March totaled more than 8.5M and the number of busies were 123. Ms. Helfrich also reported MSWIN Top 10 State agency system usage and Top 10 local/other agencies system usage for the month.

Ms. Helfrich then asked Mr. Bill Buffington to provide the MSWIN Project Status Update. Mr. Buffington noted the severe weather events over the past few months have successfully exercised the mechanical equipment at the sites. Effort continues at the co-location sites with the need to close out the MICG grant approaching. Work continues with the Choctaw Nation including adding another 200 radios to the 600 already on MSWIN. The Canton site is operationally complete with the exception of one microwave path adjustment in process. The Stennis site is complete and radios are currently being migrated to MSWIN.

Ms. Helfrich stated no changes on the WCC contract status report for March. Ms. Helfrich provided a legislative update including receipt of the WCC's deficit request for FY2021 in Senate Bill No. 2956 for

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\$331,057.00. In addition, \$10,446,099.00 and 10 PINs were appropriated in Senate Bill No. 2950 for the Commission in FY2022. House Bill No. 108 died in conference.

Chairman Lariviere called for the report of the Procurement Review Committee. Procurement Review Committee Chairman Donald Loper reported that the Procurement Committee met earlier today to review and approve 2 procurement requests. The first request from Lincoln County Sheriff's Office for 4 consoles, installation and training for \$139,325.00 as quoted from the MSWIN 3429 statewide contract. Sheriff Steve Rushing, Lincoln County, reported the County is upgrading their existing Motorola consoles to a new version with the county moving all communication to MSWIN. The current consoles have reached end of life status. Chairman Loper reported the Procurement Review Committee approved the procurement request.

The second request from Noxubee County E-911 for two (2) Zetron Dispatch systems with Max CAD for \$248,453.04 as quoted by the lowest bid. Mr. Corey Brown, Noxubee County EMA Director explained the County E-911 dispatch center is upgrading from an older Zetron 4000 series to the new Zetron Max dispatch system along with Max CAD and reporting. The current system has reached end of life status. Chairman Loper reported the Procurement Review Committee approved the procurement request.

Chairman Lariviere called on Commissioner Willie Huff for the report of the Governance and Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Huff reported there was no report for this month.

Chairman Lariviere called on Commissioner Audrey McAfee for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. Commissioner 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 March 2021, including general funds, grant funds, and program income as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. The deficit funding for the current fiscal year approved by the Legislature will be reflected in next month's reported for FY2021. Chairman Lariviere called for any discussion. With no further discussion, Commissioner Doug Mann 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 on the agenda. Ms. Helfrich presented for review and approval a Change Order to the MSWIN 3429 contract to purchase Motorola solution's Critical Connect cloud based solution to enhance regional interoperability capabilities with contiguous states as already approved by FEMA. Currently, MSWIN is connected to surrounding states through use of a patch. This new solution will enhance our interoperability capabilities between surrounding states. The quote from Motorola is for a 10 year license for 3 connections in the amount of \$599,763.00 and includes a 2 year warranty. After questions from Commissioners, Ms. Helfrich clarified this change order includes a 10 year license with no recurring fees. In addition, this option is scalable with the ability to add connections in the future. Commissioner Huff made a motion to approve the change order to the MSWIN 3429 contract to purchase Motorola Solution's Critical Connect application in the amount of \$599,763.00, seconded by Commissioner Loper. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Lariviere opened the floor for Other Business not on the agenda. Chairman Lariviere asked if spare equipment is still available per the original MSWIN contract. Mr. Buffington reported that spare equipment is still available. Most spare equipment rotates as needed when equipment is taken out of service for repair. Chairman Lariviere reported the next hurricane season is expected to be more active than normal and appears that spare equipment is available, if needed.

Commissioner David Stanley requested an update on the status of the tower site availability for the co-locations at Craig Springs, Holmes County and Osyka. Ms. Helfrich explained that the original tower site negotiations were with CSpire and they have since sold these towers sites, as well as others, to

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Spectrasite/American Tower. Staff is working to finalize the leases with the new tower site owners.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Lariviere announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday May 6, 2021, by teleconference. Chairman Lariviere then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Huff motioned to adjourn, with no second required, and the motion carried with no objection heard.



Attested: Executive Officer

April 29, 2021

Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

May 6, 2021

Date

Mississippi Wireless Communication Commission

April 1, 2021 Monthly Meeting

Via Teleconference

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)		Absent
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)	Present	
Savorgnan, Holly (ITS)	Present	
Stanley, David (Police Chiefs)	Present	
Vaughn, Wayne (MDOH)		Absent

