

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

May 6, 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	
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 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 attained. Chairman Lariviere called for the review and a motion to approve the April 1, 2021 minutes. 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 April 2021. She reported information on MOUs and renewals, special event talk groups assigned, activities staff participated in during April. Highlights included the severe weather events during the April 9 to 11 timeframe with thirty-three (33) MSWIN sites losing commercial power and switching to generator back up power, as designed. In addition, the MSWIN System Upgrade will be conducted in May which includes the replacement of 85 consoles as MSWIN moves from 7.17 Release to 2020.1 Release. Ms. Helfrich reported staff continues to work with MEMA, the Mississippi Department of Health, Department of Public Safety and the Mississippi National Guard in their response to COVID-19 testing and vaccinations. Staff continues to work on AT&T/FirstNet tower co-locations with (8) leases being finalized by ITS. Ms. Helfrich updated the Commissioners on current progress of System & Facilities Preventive Maintenance in process for Zones 1, 2, and 3. Ms. Helfrich noted the number of radio IDs in April totaled 49,934 subscribers. Push to talks for April totaled more than 8.4M and the number of busies were 150. 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 3 co-locations sites, Holmes County, Craig Springs and Osyka are in full development. The concrete slabs for generators and propane tanks have been poured. Shelters are scheduled to be set in place next week. Completion is set for June. The storm earlier this week on May 4th resulted in twenty (20) MSWIN sites on generator power at one time. System operations were maintained during the storm. Mr. Buffington stated that the system upgrade to 2020.1 Release is a major effort which involves the coordination of Motorola and staff to updating hardware, software, and firmware across the system without causing any issues for the users of MSWIN.

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Chairman Lariviere called for the report of the Procurement Review Committee. Procurement Review Committee Chairman Donald Loper reported there was no procurements to report for this month.

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 that staff is working with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's Emergency Communications Division (CISA-ECD) to provide a 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Cybersecurity Awareness Webinar during the June/July timeframe. Commissioner McAfee explained this 90 minute course introduces public safety personnel to common cybersecurity threats and vulnerabilities in the PSAP environment, including exposed networks and devices, shared passwords, and email phishing. The critical nature of 911/PSAP functions means cyberattacks could have a large-scale impact, making emergency communications centers across the nation high-value targets for those looking to disrupt public safety services, extort local governments, or simply create mischief. The webinar also provides basic best practices to improve the secure use of emergency communications technologies in day-to-day operations.

Chairman Lariviere called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner Savorgnan presented the FY2021 financial reports for April 2021, including general funds, deficit 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 Ray Causey motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Mann. Chairman Lariviere called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Lariviere called for Other Business on the agenda. Ms. Helfrich added that the Contract Status report has no changes for the current month.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Lariviere announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday June 3, 2021, by teleconference. Chairman Lariviere then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mann motioned to adjourn, with no second required, and the motion carried with no objection heard.



Attested: Executive Officer

May 21, 2021

Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

June 3, 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)		
Causey, Lt. Col. Ray (National Guard)	Present	
Girod, Arty (Municipal League)	Present	
Gray, Steve (Supervisors)		
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 April 1, 2021 Minutes		Approval of April 2021 Expenditures		Motion to Adjourn	
	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay	Yea	Nay
1st Motion	Troy Peterson		Ray Causey		Doug Mann	
2nd Motion	Donald Loper		Doug Mann		n/a	
Unanimous Consent "No Objection Heard"	Unanimous Consent		Unanimous Consent		Unanimous Consent	
Roll Call Vote (No Unanimous Consent)						
Lariviere, Tom (Fire Chiefs)						
Davis, Mandy (MDPS)						
Bob Buseck (MEMA)						
Causey, Lt. Col. Ray (National Guard)						
Girod, Arty (Municipal League)						
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