

# MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

April 3, 2025

MS Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks, Conference Room  
1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS

<b>Commission Members</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>In</b>
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy (Chairman)	Yes
MS Department of Transportation	Jordan, Jim (Vice-Chairman)	Yes
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Bailey, Matt	Yes
MS National Guard	Causey, Col. Ray	Yes
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	Yes
MS Department of Health	Horn, Marshall	Yes
MS Office of Homeland Security	Kruger, Baxter	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	Yes
MS Municipal League	Moore, Glen	Yes
MS Sheriff's Association	Mullins, Paul	Yes
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Sanders, Chris	Yes
MS Department of Information Technology	Savorgnan, Holly	Yes
MS Association of Chiefs of Police	Scarber, Ernie	Yes

Chairman Mandy Davis called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed all including commissioners, legislative advisors, staff, and visitors to the meeting. Chairman Davis asked Mrs. Karana Carroll to conduct a roll call of those Commissioners and legislative advisors who may be joining the meeting via conference call. Chairman Davis called for the review of and a motion to approve the March 6, 2025, minutes. Commissioner Baxter Kruger made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ernie Scarber. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Davis called on Mrs. Carroll to provide the MSWIN Staff Report for March 2025. Mrs. Carroll provided a presentation on MOU renewals, law enforcement events, local events, special event talk groups assigned, and activities staff participated in during March. Additional information included site maintenance and repairs, the generator paint project, and the number of radio IDs in March total 65,546 subscribers. Push-to-talks for March totaled 12.7M and the number of busies were 870 with the reliability of the statewide communications systems at 99.999%. Mrs. Carroll also reported MSWIN Top 10 state agency system usage and Top 10 local/other agencies system usage for the month.

Mrs. Carroll then provided a review of the staff activities in March to include monitoring severe weather throughout the state. In 2025 Mississippi had 39 tornadoes so far; this is the highest number of tornadoes for any state. The staff also has been working with a vendor on the replacement of damaged antennas at sites, met with Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and MS Band of Choctaws to discuss interoperability communications, presented at the MS USAF Taskforce communications and technology meeting, presented at the Covington County Local Emergency Planning

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Committee (LEPC) meeting, and continued work with contractors to co-locate equipment on towers. Mrs. Carroll thanked the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks staff for flying their drones to two tower sites to inspect for antenna/line damage. The site in Mantachie sustained wind damage during a recent storm, bringing down a 12 ft. microwave. Adjustments were made to ensure the site remains operational. The damage is being assessed to determine the extent of repairs and the estimated cost. Spring preventative maintenance has begun for ground maintenance, generators, and HVAC systems at each site.

Mrs. Carroll provided a Coverage Expansion Project update. The Poplarville South site is optimized and expected to be fully operational soon. The Ripley East site is optimized, waiting on the FIAL and generator start up. She also gave an MSWIN Refresh Project update. Staff continue to meet with Motorola on the completion of the SUA, and it remains on target for completion in June 2025. The MS Band of Choctaw Indians have two of their three new sites operational. DeSoto County continues moving forward with their additional tower site.

Mrs. Carroll reported no change in the Contract Status Report from last month. Chairman Davis called for any questions or comments about the staff report presented. Hearing none, Chairman Davis thanked Mrs. Carroll for the report.

Chairman Davis called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Donald Loper reported there were no procurement requests this month.

Chairman Davis called for report of the Governance and Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Ray Causey reported there will be a meeting this month regarding Push to Talk over LTE on the MSWIN system.

Chairman Davis called on Commissioner Audrey McAfee for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. Commissioner McAfee reported that Mississippi has requested technical assistance from CISA (Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency) for a full cyber assessment to examine the MSWIN system for any vulnerabilities, communications training courses, and updating our Electronic Field Operations Guide (eFOG).

Chairman Davis called for the approval of March expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2025 financial report for March including general funds, local project funds, and capital funds as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Causey motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Stephen McCraney. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Davis called for any other business to come before the Commission today. Hearing none, Chairman Davis moved on to MSWIN in Action and asked Mr. Dent Guynes to introduce the speaker, Mr. Odie Barrett, EMA Director for Lauderdale County. Mr. Barrett was appointed EMA Director for Lauderdale County in 2018 and has worked with the WCC on various events in the county using MSWIN. The county has been able to interop with federal agencies such as the FBI and Secret Service. Lauderdale County had previously used a turbo system for radio communications that worked within the organization, but it could not be used with other organizations. When the county joined MSWIN, they were able to have instant communications with the Air National Guard base, airports, and other counties and agencies. Mr. Barrett said the WCC staff are easily accessible, and the staff helped transition the county to the MSWIN system. Using MSWIN has brought Lauderdale County closer to other counties operating

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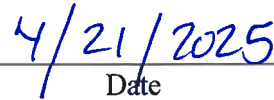
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on MSWIN through increased communications that is beneficial to small communities and large counties with the added benefit of not having to pay for a communications system.

Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting of the Wireless Communication Commission will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday May 1, 2025, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kruger motioned to adjourn seconded by Commissioner McCraney. With no discussion and none opposed, the motion carried.



Attested: Executive Director



Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair



Date