

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

February 1, 2024

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

Commission Members	Commissioner	In
MS Department of Public Safety	Davis, Mandy (Chairman)	Yes
MS Department of Health	Craig, Jim (Vice Chairman)	Yes
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Bailey, Matt	No
MS National Guard	Causey, Lt. Col. Ray	Yes
MS Department of Transportation	Jordan, Jim	Yes
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	No
MS Office of Homeland Security	Kruger, Baxter	No
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	No
MS Department of Information Technology	Savorgnan, Holly	Yes
MS Association of Chiefs of Police	Scarber, Ernie	No

Chairman Mandy Davis called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and welcomed all including commissioners, staff, and visitors. Chairman Davis asked Mrs. Karana Carroll to conduct a roll call of those Commissioners who may be joining the meeting via conference call. Chairman Davis called for the review of and a motion to approve the January 4, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Doug Mann made a motion to approve the minutes, 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 on Mrs. Carroll to provide the MSWIN Staff Report for January 2024. Mrs. Carroll provided a slide presentation on executed MOUs and renewals, special event talk groups assigned, and activities staff participated in during January. Additional information included site maintenance and repairs, the number of radio IDs in January totaling more than 60,720 subscribers. Push-to-talks for January totaled more than 10.1M and the number of busies was 461. 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 MSWIN Refresh Project update, including a review of the activities. In addition, staff represented the WCC at the planning meeting for the Patriot Exercise at Combat Readiness Training Center in Gulfport, monitored the system during the winter weather event, attended the MS Fire Chief's Mid-Winter Conference, and continued working with contractors to co-locate equipment on towers. Mrs. Carroll reported on the Contract Status Report noting that MSWIN 3429 Amendment #6 was approved in December and is in process.

Mr. Bill Buffington continued to report on MSWIN refresh of microwave equipment is complete. Oktibbeha County tower site has come online and the Tate County site should be online this month. Mr. Buffington is reviewing the

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structural analysis reports of possible sites in Tippah County and the Pearl River County site is being surveyed and due diligence performed.

Chairman Davis called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Loper reported there was one procurement request to report and does not require action. On December 12, 2023, Capitol Police requested the subsequent purchase of six APX6000 radios and chargers for \$22,566.18 from MSWIN 3429 as part of a project which was previously approved by the WCC Procurement Review Committee and the Commission on November 2, 2023. As the procurement request was less than \$100,000.00, per WCC Commission Procurement Rule 1.4, the request was reviewed, and having met the technical requirements, was therefore approved by the Executive Director of the WCC on December 21, 2023.

Chairman Davis called for report of the Governance and Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Causey reported there was no report this month.

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

Chairman Davis called for the approval of expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2024 financial report for January including general funds, deficit funds, and grant funds as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Jim Craig motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Mann. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Moving on to MSWIN in Action, Mr. Marty Letchworth introduced the guest speaker Mr. Jarrod Thomas, Pafford EMS IT Director. Mr. Thomas stated Pafford EMS operates in 5 states and is the second largest private ambulance service in the country. With experience in operating in multiple states, Mr. Thomas said MSWIN is the most robust and easiest communication system to work with. In states with no statewide communication system, the emergency response drivers must change radio channels to maintain communication while traveling. In Mississippi, they can travel across the state and remain in constant communication without changing radio channels. Mr. Thomas said during the tornadoes in Rolling Fork last year, they had no cell service, but MSWIN was operational. MSWIN allows Pafford EMS to work more effectively than ever before. Mr. Thomas said Mississippi’s communication system has never gone down on us because of redundancy within the system and he said, “Thank You for the MSWIN system”.

With no further business, Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday March 7, 2024, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Craig motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McCraney. With no discussion, the motion carried with none opposed.

Karana Conall
Attested: Executive Director

2/8/2024
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Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

3/7/24
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