

**MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION**

February 6, 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)	No
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Bailey, Matt	No
MS National Guard	Causey, Col. Ray	Yes
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	No
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 January 9, 2025, minutes. Commissioner Donald Loper made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ray Causey. 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 2025. Mrs. Carroll provided a presentation on executed MOUs including adding Leake County, MOU renewals, law enforcement events, local events, special event talk groups assigned, and activities staff participated in during January. There are 675 executed MOUs with federal, state, local, tribal, and NGOs for use on MSWIN. Additional information included site maintenance and repairs, the generator paint project, and the number of radio IDs in January total 64,890 subscribers that included adding 162 in January. Push-to-talks for January totaled more than 11M and the number of busies were 288 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 January to include attending FY2026 Budget Hearings with the Senate and the House, monitoring severe weather on January 5<sup>th</sup>, and winter weather on January 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, and January 21<sup>st</sup>, participating in a scoping call for a no cost Cyber Assessment technical assistance awarded by CISA, site walks and meetings in Harrison County, and continuing work with contractors to co-locate equipment on towers.

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Mrs. Carroll provided a MSWIN Refresh Project update. The SUA remains on target for completion in June 2025. She provided updates on expansion sites in Tate, Pearl River and Tippah counties. The site in Tate County at Independence is complete. At Ripley in Tippah County, the construction crew is ready to begin, the equipment is ready to be installed, and waiting on a Notice to Proceed once the contract is signed. The greenfield site in Pearl River County in Poplarville is being optimized, fiber is being installed, and the site is near completion.

Mrs. Carroll reported in the Contract Status Report there has been no change from last month.

Chairman Davis called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Donald Loper presented a procurement request from today's meeting. The request was from the Madison County School District to purchase 41 Motorola APX1500 mobile radios for \$102,869.00 from MSWIN state contract 3429. Commissioner Loper called on Mr. Justin Mitchell, Transportation Director, to speak on the procurement. Mr. Mitchell said the Madison County School District is purchasing the radios to be installed on new school buses in the county. The request meets technical approval and is contingent on the receipt of the school board's official minutes. The request was approved by the Procurement Committee and required no action by the commission.

Chairman Davis called for report of the Governance and Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Ray 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 January expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2025 financial report for January including general funds, local project funds, and capital funds as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Doug Mann motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner McAfee. 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. Mark Russell to introduce guest speaker Captain Michael Allan with Magee Fire Department. He is also an engineer with Columbia Fire Department, a patrolman at Marion County Sheriff's Department, and a patrolman at Magee Police Department. Capt. Allan thanked the commission and Mrs. Carroll for welcoming him. Capt. Allan spoke about the geographic hurdles Magee is facing because the city is in a low-lying area. In an effort to provide a temporary solution, the WCC set up a SOW in Simpson County. Capt. Allan said the SOW has helped tremendously. Two days after bringing the SOW online, Magee was hit with straight-line winds, and they were able to respond and communicate with the neighboring city of Mendenhall. More reliable communication provides better safety for all first responders. Capt. Allan was very appreciative of the SOW but requests a permanent solution. Capt. Allan has experienced the efficiency of MSWIN. During the emergency response efforts to the tornados that hit Rolling Fork, Capt. Allan and other emergency personnel were able to "roll up on site and get to work". Chairman Davis stated it is extremely helpful to hear the SOW is helping and how a permanent tower would assist Magee and Simpson County. Chairman Davis thanked Capt. Allan for coming.

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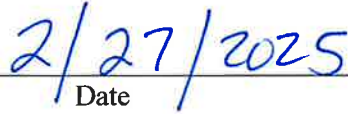
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Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting of the Wireless Communication Commission will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday March 6, 2025, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Marshall Horn motioned to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Mann. With no discussion and none opposed, the motion carried.




Attested: Executive Director



Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair



Date