

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

January 8, 2026

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	No
MS Office of Homeland Security	Clanton, David	Yes
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	Yes
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Loper, Donald	Yes
MS Department of Corrections	McAfee, Audrey	Yes
MS Emergency Management Agency	McCraney, Stephen	No
MS National Guard	Causey, Lt. Col. (Retired) Ray	Yes
MS Municipal League	Moore, Glen	No
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
MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks	Skipworth, Curtis	Yes
MS Department of Health	Windham, Teresa	Yes
<b>Advisory Members</b>		
Senate Appropriations Committee	Williams, Bart	Yes

Chairman Mandy Davis called the January 8, 2026 meeting to order at 1:32 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 December 4, 2025, minutes. Commissioner David Clanton made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Curtis Skipworth. Chairman Davis called for any 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 December 2025. Mrs. Carroll provided a presentation on new and renewed MOUs, law enforcement events, local events, and special event talk groups assigned. Additional information included site maintenance and equipment repairs. The number of radio IDs in December totaled 68,376 subscribers, push-to-talks for December totaled 11.8M and the number of busies totaled 343. 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 December including the office hosting a Mississippi Communications Working Group attended by communication specialists from across the state. A MS WCC newsletter was developed to provide current information about the WCC and the MSWIN system. Cache radios were loaned to various agencies and asset management continues at WCC tower sites. The staff also continued to work with contractors to co-locate equipment on MSWIN towers.

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Mrs. Carroll reported in the Contract Status Report noting there is a professional service agreement amendment in process. 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 on Commissioner Donald Loper for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Loper reported there were no procurements for the month of January.

Chairman Davis reported there was no report of the Governance and Interoperability Committee.

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 the December expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2026 financial report for December for the general operating fund as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Chris Sanders motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Clanton. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

In Other Business, Chairman Davis stated there is one item to come before the Commission today. Chairman Davis called on Mrs. Carroll to present the agenda item for the review and approval of the professional service agreement amendment with Ms. Cindy Crocker. Mrs. Carroll presented the agenda item to increase the hours allotted in the current contract. Commissioner Skipworth made a motion to approve the contract increase of 400 hours, increasing the contract by \$14,400.00 for a total annual amount of \$33,840.00, seconded by Commissioner Sanders. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, the motion carried with none opposed.

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 guest speaker Sheriff Steve Rushing from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Rushing began his law enforcement career in 1996 working for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. At the time, they were using statewide low band radios, but the cities were on high band, and they couldn't communicate directly with each other. The patrol officers did not have portable radios, only mobile radios in the vehicles. In 2000 they got high band to be able to talk with the cities, but the Sheriff's Office kept the low band radios for communication with MS Highway Patrol. In 2005, with evacuations from New Orleans due to damage from Hurricane Katrina, multiple state and federal agencies were coming through the county, but they could not talk with each other. Sheriff Rushing was elected to office in 2006, and they joined MSWIN in 2013. Now everyone in the county is using MSWIN including the Volunteer Fire Departments, municipalities, and other emergency responders. Sheriff Rushing said they can get special event channels anytime by contacting WCC staff. He said MSWIN works great and urges for additional funding for the purchase of more radios. Lincoln County has four K-12th grade, private, and art schools in the county and they are on MSWIN. The local hospital has its own channel on the system for communications with ambulances and air support. The Sheriff's Office works with a lot of federal and state agencies because of the proximity to rural and national forests in the area. Sheriff Rushing said the interoperability of MSWIN lets them communicate easily and quickly with users from other agencies. Sheriff Rushing thanked the commissioners,

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legislatures, and staff for all the work in keeping MSWIN a great system. Chairman Davis thanked Sheriff Rushing for presenting today.

Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting of the Wireless Communication Commission will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday February 5, 2026, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Skipworth motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Ernie Scarber. With no discussion and none opposed, the motion carried.



Attested: Executive Director

1/28/2026  
Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair

2/5/26  
Date