

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

January 9, 2025

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 Transportation	Jordan, Jim (Vice-Chairman)	Yes
MS Fire Chiefs Association	Bailey, Matt	No
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
Advisory Members		
House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee	Steverson, Jody	Yes
Senate Appropriations Committee	Williams, Bart	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 first meeting of 2025 and thanked Commissioner Doug Mann for presiding over the December 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 5, 2024, minutes. Commissioner Baxter Kruger 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 December 2024. Mrs. Carroll provided a slide presentation on MOU renewals, law enforcement events, local events, special event talk groups assigned, and activities staff participated in during December. Additional information included site maintenance and repairs, the generator paint project, and the number of radio IDs in December totaling 64,669 subscribers that included adding 263 in December and 4,073 new subscribers in 2024. Push-to-talks for December totaled 10.7M and the number of busies were 676 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.

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Mrs. Carroll then provided a review of the staff activities to include activating the SOW in the City of Magee, setting up the propane tank and generator at Independence, assisting with augmenting UPSs at the Sessums site, monitoring the severe weather on December 28th, site visits for preventive maintenance and inventory, and continuing work with contractors to co-locate equipment on towers. During the storms on December 28th, there were 43 generator runs with several site generators running more than 3 days. Mrs. Carroll said the system worked as designed with no loss in service.

Mrs. Carroll provided a MSWIN Refresh Project update. The SUA remains on target for completion in June 2025. The GTR refresh is complete, routers and switches are being refreshed, and the system components to complete the SUA have been staged. She provided updates on expansion sites. At Ripley in Tippah County, the construction crew is ready to begin, equipment is ready to be installed, paperwork and approvals are in process to get the Notice to Proceed. The greenfield tower site near Poplarville in Pearl River County is near completion.

Mrs. Carroll reported in the Contract Status Report noting that LMR Strategies contract and Crown Castle contracts remain in process.

Mrs. Carroll presented the results of the 2024 MS Wireless Information Network survey. The survey showed 93% overall satisfaction with the MSWIN system and 96% reliability by users in their agency. 97% of users report the infrastructure is well maintained and the WCC technical staff received 100% for quickly responding to the needs of users. Agency users' reported ways to make the MSWIN system better. This included the increase in coverage with an emphasis on portable inbuilding coverage and periodic training for new users and agency personnel. Chairman Davis thanked Mrs. Carroll for the informative presentation and thanked the WCC staff.

Chairman Davis called for the report of the Procurement Review Committee. Commissioner Audrey McAfee served as Committee Chairman. Commissioner McAfee presented the procurement request from the Mississippi Department of Public Safety for 70 APX-N70 portable radios with accessories, radio subscription software and services for a total of \$642,863.90 from MSWIN state contract 3429. Commissioner McAfee called on Commissioner Loper, DPS Communication Director, to speak on the request. Commissioner Loper said the Department of Public Safety is purchasing radios for the MS Highway Patrol cadet class. The procurement meets technical requirements and is funded by special funds. Commissioner McAfee recommended approval of the request to the full commission, seconded by Commissioner Mann. Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried. Chairman Davis thanked Commissioner McAfee for serving as the Procurement Review Chairman.

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 December expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2025 financial report for December 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

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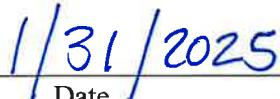
report, seconded by Commissioner McAfee. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

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. Dent Guynes to introduce guest speaker Mr. James Powell, DeSoto County 911 Director. Mr. Powell thanked the commission for welcoming him. Mr. Powell spoke about DeSoto County joining MSWIN in 2016. The county owns and manages 4 county tower sites, and a core connected to MSWIN. DeSoto County is currently building a fifth tower site that will assist with additional coverage in that area. Prior to joining MSWIN, they could talk within the county but there was no interoperability with agencies outside of the county. With MSWIN interoperability has been vital for the county. Mr. Powell recalled in 2019 there was an active shooter in Southaven at a retail store. The interoperability with local, state, and municipal agencies provided seamless communication resulting in a successful outcome. They can communicate with Memphis agencies that assist in situations that cross the state line. With MSWIN, the county gets instant notifications of system activity such as generator runs. Mr. Powell thanked the commission for the opportunity to come and speak. Mr. Guynes said talk groups are being created for DeSoto County to talk to agencies in Tennessee and Arkansas for activity along the Mississippi River.

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



Attested: Executive Director



Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair



Date