MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

June 6, 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 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	No
MS Department of Transportation	Jordan, Jim	No
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	No
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 Appropriations Committee	Bounds, Scott	Yes
House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee	Lancaster, Jon	Yes
Senate Appropriations Committee	Michel, Walter	Yes
House of Representatives Public Utilities Committee	Powell, Brent	Yes
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. 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 gave special thanks to the Legislative Advisors for their support and assistance with the funding the Wireless Communication Commission. Chairman Davis recognized this historic day that is the 80th anniversary of D-Day stating on June 6, 1944, allied forces invaded Normandy, France starting the historic battle that turned the tide of World War II, and we are forever in debt to the men and women who served during this invasion. Chairman Davis called for the review of and a motion to approve the May 2, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Donald Loper made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Baxter Kruger. 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 May 2024. Mrs. Carroll provided a slide presentation on executed MOUs and renewals, special event talk groups assigned, and activities staff

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participated in during May. Additional information included site maintenance and repairs, the number of radio IDs in May totaling more than 61,829 subscribers. Push-to-talks for May totaled 10.9M and the number of busies were 780. 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 to include travel to Stennis to assist NAVSCIATS with programming radios, attend a meeting in Harrison County, monitoring the system during the severe weather, and continuing work with contractors to co-locate equipment on towers.

Mrs. Carroll provided a MSWIN Refresh Project update. She reported MSWIN refresh in the replacement of equipment at sites across the state should be completed by the end of June. She provided updates on expansion sites in Pearl River, Tippah, and Tate counties.

Mrs. Carroll reported in the Contract Status Report noting that Butler Snow and Cindy Crocker contracts are in progress.

Chairman Davis called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Loper presented three procurement requests. The first request was from Hancock County to purchase 250 Kenwood VP6430 portable radios and 200 Kenwood VM5000 mobile radios with accessories for a total of \$890,000.00 using Reverse Auction Bid. Chairman Loper called on Mr. Brian "Hooty" Adam, EMA Director to speak on the request. Mr. Adam said the current radios are outdated and obsolete and in need of replacing across the county. The procurement meets technical requirements and is being funded by the Department of Justice COPS grant. Commission Loper recommended approval of the request, seconded by Commissioner Doug Mann. Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried. The second request was from the Mississippi Attorney General's Office for 68 Kenwood VPV5430 portable radios with accessories and installation for a total of \$123,885.12. This request was approved by the Procurement Committee and requires no action by the full commission. The last request was from the Oxford Police Department for 4 console stations and antenna system with accessories, installation, and training for a total of \$131,030.15. This request was approved by the Procurement Committee, contingent on the receipt of the official board minutes, with no action required by the full 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 May expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2024 financial report for May including general funds, deficit funds, and grant funds as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Mann motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Steve Gray. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

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In Other Business, Chairman Davis stated there were two items to come before the Commission today. The nomination and election of the Chair and Vice-Chair to serve July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026. Commissioner Mann nominated Chairman Davis for Chair of the Wireless Communication Commission. Chairman Davis accepted the nomination. Hearing no additional proposed candidates, nominations were closed. Chairman Davis called for a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried. Next, the floor was opened for Vice-Chair nominations. Commissioner Causey nominated Commissioner Mann for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Mann thanked him for the nomination and deferred the nomination. Commissioner Stephen McCraney nominated Commissioner Jim Jordan for Vice-Chair. Hearing no additional candidates, nominations were closed. Chairman Davis called for a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

Chairman Davis moved on to MSWIN in Action and asked Mr. Dent Guynes to introduce guest speaker Mr. Richard Wright with the US Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration. Mr. Wright is a telecom specialist with the DEA. He retired from the MS Bureau of Narcotics after 24 years of service. Mr. Wright spoke about advocating for DEA to join MSWIN after his experience operating on MSWIN while working for the state. Now, district offices can coordinate across the state with each other and local law enforcement. Mr. Wright thanked the legislators for their funding of the MSWIN communication system. He said because of it, we will never be unable to communicate again. Mr. Wright remarked on the professionalism and ease of working with the WCC's System Administrator, Dent Guynes. He said that Mr. Guynes is very knowledgeable and always accessible to end users.

Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 4, 2024. With that day being a state holiday, Chairman Davis called on a motion to continue the meeting date to the following Thursday, July 11 at 1:30pm at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Commissioner Kruger made the motion and Commissioner Causey seconded. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard the motion carried. The next meeting of the Wireless Communication Commission will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday July 11, 2024, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mann motioned to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Kruger. With no discussion and none opposed, the motion carried.

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Approved: Chair or Vice Chair