

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

March 6, 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	Yes
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

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 February 6, 2025, minutes. Commissioner Baxter Kruger made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Doug Mann. 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 February 2025. Mrs. Carroll provided a presentation on MOU renewals, law enforcement events, local events, special event talk groups assigned, and activities staff participated in during February. Additional information included site maintenance and repairs, the generator paint project, and the number of radio IDs in February total 65,147 subscribers. Push-to-talks for February totaled 10.7M and the number of busies were 416 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 February to include monitoring severe weather, working with a vendor on the replacement of stolen copper grounding at sites, meeting with Pafford Ambulance, presenting to the MS College Public Health Capstone Classes, and continuing work with contractors to co-locate equipment on towers.

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Mrs. Carroll provided a MSWIN Refresh Project update. Met with Motorola on the completion of the SUA and it remains on target for completion in June 2025. She provided updates on expansion sites in Pearl River and Tippah counties. The best news is the contract for the tower lease at Ripley in Tippah County has been signed and we have received the Notice to Proceed. The construction crew is ready to begin, and the equipment is ready to be installed. This site could be completed next month. At the site in Pearl River County in Poplarville, the fiber is being installed, and the site is near completion.

Mrs. Carroll reported in the Contract Status Report the completion of the LMR Strategies contract amendment and the tower lease with Crown Castle. 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 for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Donald Loper presented a procurement request from today's meeting. The request was from the Magee Volunteer Fire Department to purchase 54 refurbished APX6000 portable radios with a 3-year warranty and 11 refurbished APX6500 mobile radios and installation with a 3-year warranty for \$167,544.48 from competitive bid. The Magee Volunteer Fire Department is purchasing the radios to provide adequate and reliable communications for the fire department. The request meets technical approval and the city's board's minutes have been received. The request was approved by the Procurement Committee and requires 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 February expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2025 financial report for February including general funds, local project funds, and capital funds as provided on the WCC Detail of Monthly Expenses and the WCC Activity Reports. Commissioner Ernie Scarber motioned to accept the report, seconded by Commissioner Causey. 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 was one item to come before the Commission. Chairman Davis called on Mrs. Carroll to present. Mrs. Carroll stated the staff have been working with Knowledge Services and ITS to competitively bid and select a vendor for the WCC's technical advisory services. Mrs. Carroll made recommendation to the Commission for approval of the LMR Strategies, LLC contract of 5 years, not to exceed a value of \$974,900.00. Commissioner Kruger made a motion to approve the technical services contract with LMR Strategies. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mann. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. Commissioner Mann asked, "Will this contract go through public procurement?" Mrs. Carroll said it will go through ITS. Commissioner Mann asked, "Can the contract amount be increased if needed?" The response was yes as there are options for amendments, if needed. Chairman Davis called for any other questions or discussion. Hearing none, Chairman Davis called for a voice vote of all in favor, none opposed, and the motion carried.

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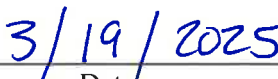
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Chairman Davis moved on to MSWIN in Action and asked Mr. Marty Letchworth to introduce the speaker, Mr. Blake Alexander Maintenance Director for the Mississippi Schools for The Deaf and The Blind. Mr. Alexander presented a slide presentation of the history of the two schools and the unique challenges to the schools and campus. The schools serve a year-round education to qualified students throughout the state and provide bus transportation each week for pick up and drop of students ages 5K through 12th grade. Each bus has a driver and chaperone with the shortest bus routes being 6-hour roundtrip. For the bus to communicate with the school, the driver must pull over to use a cell phone, but radios can be used during operation, however the schools do not currently have radios installed in buses. In October 2024 Mr. Alexander brought MSWIN to the schools. The campus located in Jackson is 80 acres and hosts many events during the year. They have special events like Trick or Treating at Halloween and athletic events like the Magnolia Classic that brings 250+ students from schools in other states. There are 28 buildings on campus and due to the proximity to high traffic areas, they are vigilant to visitors on campus and the safety of the students. Mr. Alexander has been working on closing vulnerabilities in school facilities, saying the MSWIN campus radios have helped tremendously. They provide instant notification of activity on campus because they must have the highest level of visual safety. The staff have regular Emergency Drills to reinforce safety, communication, and action. Mr. Alexander said the radios have helped tremendously at the schools. There are currently approximately 150 students. Chairman Davis thanked Mr. Alexander for sharing about the schools and the challenges they have and gave information about state funds. Commissioner Mann asked how many radios do the schools currently have on campus? Mr. Alexander said they have about 20 radios on MSWIN. Commissioner Mann told Mr. Alexander should they ever need the assistance of the Department of Wildlife to contact them via radio as they are next door, utilize MSWIN, and can provide additional emergency services. Commissioner Mann said we are just a click away. Mr. Alexander thanked the commission for letting him share about the schools today.

Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting of the Wireless Communication Commission will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday April 3, 2025, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kruger motioned to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Marshall Horn. With no discussion and none opposed, the motion carried.



Attested: Executive Director



Date



Approved: Chair or Vice Chair



Date