

MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

March 7, 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, Lt. Col. Ray	Yes
MS Association of Supervisors	Gray, Steve	No
MS Department of Health	Horn, Marshall	No
MS Department of Transportation	Jordan, Jim	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	No
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 1:33 PM and welcomed all including commissioners, 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 called for the review of and a motion to approve the February 1, 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 February 2024. Mrs. Carroll began with a video presentation of a WDAM news interview with Covington County EMA Director, Mr. Brennon Chancellor about the impactful and vital tool MSWIN was during a recent traffic accident involving 20 vehicles and 7 agencies responding to the accident. Then she provided a slide presentation on executed MOUs and renewals, special event talk groups assigned, and activities staff participated in during February. Additional information included site maintenance and repairs, the number of radio IDs in February totaling more than 60,922 subscribers. Push-to-talks for February totaled more than 10.4M, noting the upward trend of usage as it has been over a year since the total Push-to-talks were below 9.5M. The number of busies was 456. 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 MSWIN Refresh Project update, including a review of the activities. In addition, staff represented the WCC at the Patriot Exercise at Camp Shelby, presented next year's budget request to state legislatures, monitored the system during severe weather, participated in meeting with neighboring states regarding a regional interoperability workgroup, and continued working with contractors to co-locate equipment on towers.

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The WCC also received a donated Ford F-750 tower truck for increased emergency responsiveness. Amendment #6 has been fully executed.

Mr. Bill Buffington reported MSWIN refresh is 2 weeks ahead of schedule in the replacement of equipment at core sites across the state. He also reminded the commission there are safeguards built into the MSWIN system to avoid network disruptions or outages as the work proceeds. Mr. Buffington is reviewing the reports for expansion sites in Pearl River, Tippah, and Tate counties.

Chairman Davis called for the report of the Procurement Committee. Commissioner Loper presented five requests. The first request was from the University of Mississippi Medical Center to purchase 2 dispatch consoles and installation for \$125,000.00 using statewide contract 3429. The request was approved in committee and no further action needed. The second was from DeSoto County E911 to build a new tower procured through an RFP and the equipment for the tower from MS statewide contract 3429, for \$2,549,580.00 with a total project budget of \$2,700,000.00. Chairman Loper called on James Powell, E911 Director for DeSoto County to speak on the request. He said DeSoto County needs to expand coverage in dead zones on the west end of the county and improve in-building coverage in schools located in the vicinity. Commissioner Loper made a motion recommending approval of the procurement request, seconded by Commissioner Ray Causey. Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried. The third procurement request was from Madison County Sheriff's Office to purchase 3 dispatch consoles and microwave equipment for \$392,251.00 using MS statewide contract 3429. Chairman Loper called on Capt. Wayne Wells, Director of Communications for Madison County Sheriff's Office to speak on the request. Capt. Wells stated Madison County Sheriff's Office needs to upgrade the radio consoles in their dispatch center for better performance with the state's MSWIN system. Commissioner Loper motioned to recommend approval of the request, seconded by Commissioner Doug Mann. Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried. The fourth procurement request was from Covington County to purchase 3 dispatch consoles, and ancillary equipment, and installation for \$298,000.00 using MS statewide contract 3429. Chairman Loper called on Mr. Brennon Chancellor, EMA Director for Covington County to speak on the request. Director Chancellor said Covington County's current system is outdated and must be replaced. Commissioner Loper motioned to recommend approval of the request, seconded by Commissioner Stephen McCraney. Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried. The fifth and final procurement request was from the Mississippi State Department of Health for 25 APX N70 and 50 APX N30 portable radios, accessories, and implementation for \$490,870.03 using MS statewide contract 3429. Chairman Loper called on Mr. Charles Harrison, Logistics Director to speak on the request. Mr. Harrison said the Department of Health is implementing the use of N Series radios for radio communications via LTE in remote areas. Commissioner Loper motioned to recommend approval of the request, seconded by Commissioner Kruger. Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

Chairman Davis called for report of the Governance and Interoperability Committee. Commissioner Causey reported there was no report this month and the committee will meet following the conclusion of the commission meeting.

Chairman Davis called on Commissioner Audrey McAfee for the report of the Emerging Technologies Committee. Commissioner McAfee read a letter from the former chairs of the Federal Communications Commission dated February 21, 2024, regarding funding request for upgrading from the legacy state 911 emergency system to NG911

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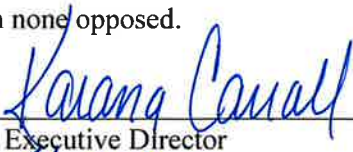
deployment. The committee will provide updates as more information becomes available. Also, Motorola will be presenting information regarding technology and future capabilities on April 10. A meeting invitation will be sent to all commissioners when additional details become available.

Chairman Davis called for the approval of February expenditures. Commissioner Holly Savorgnan presented the FY2024 financial report for February 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 McCraney. Chairman Davis called for any discussion. With no discussion, Chairman Davis called for unanimous consent, with no objection heard, the motion carried.

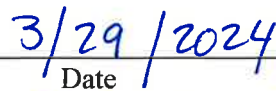
Chairman Davis called for any Other Business to come before the Commission today. Hearing none, Chairman Davis welcomed Mr. Dent Guynes to provide a report on the recent 2024 Patriot Exercise. Mr. Guynes and Mr. Marty Letchworth participated in the Patriot Exercises held at Camp Shelby Training Center February 18 through February 22. Participants included guardsmen from 4 other states for two weeks of training exercises in emergency situations. Mr. Guynes and Mr. Letchworth provided communications for guardsmen during the exercise. They were able to patch MSWIN radios to radios on out of state systems, met and worked with other agencies outside of the state, participated in continuing education, and increased relationships in communications with other agencies.

Moving on to MSWIN in Action, Mr. Dent Guynes introduced the guest speaker Deputy Hugh McClendon, U.S. Marshal Service. Deputy McClendon provided a slide presentation on the history of the Marshal Service and their duties and responsibilities, including being the oldest Federal law enforcement agency, they oversee the security of justices, and custody of prisoners. He said there are many Deputy Marshals in Mississippi and use MSWIN in their daily operations, but it is critical during agency manhunts. The Marshal's office has conducted several manhunts in Mississippi in recent years and all resulted in the successful apprehension of the suspects because of coordinated multiagency communications. Deputy McClendon spoke about the Rapidly Advancing Manhunt (RAM) training that was held in Oxford, MS that simulates multiple agency response, continuous situational awareness, tracking, and ambulatory response during the hunt for fugitives. He said Oxford was chosen for the training because of the exceptional communication abilities MSWIN offers and the ease and rapid response to have a talk group set up. Deputy McClendon said MSWIN stands out nationally among radio systems and is a "premier system".

With no further business, Chairman Davis announced the next monthly meeting will be held at 1:30 PM, on Thursday April 4, 2024, at MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. Chairman Davis then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Causey motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Mann. With no discussion, the motion carried with none opposed.



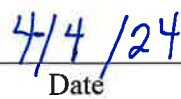
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